Financial crisis hits AUB

AMMAN (R) — The American University of Beirut (AUB), already hit by an exocus of foreign staff, is appealing for funds to help overcome a financial crisis. AUB's Lebanese co-president, Ibrahim Salti, told reporters and AUB graduates in Amman on Tuesday that the New York-based board of trustees aimed to raise \$36 million in three years from the August 18 feet. from donors in the Middle East, A. as America and Europe. "This will give AUB the chance to survive and rebuild its tradition of excellence," Dr. Salti said. He said the 121-year-old university, still regarded as among the best in the Middle East, faced a possible \$13 million deficit on this ar's budget of \$30 million. Dr. Salti said most foreign teachers had fled AUB because of lack of security in west Beirut, although he indicated that conditions had improved since Syrian troops took control of the western sector last February. "Our main problem is now economic and financial, particularly since the unprecedented deterioration in the local currency and the inflation it has caused," he added. The once-resilient Lebanese pound has fallen to around 160 to the dollar from 18 at the beginning of 1986.



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Iragis hit tanker at Kharg

BAHRAIN (AP) — Iraqi warplanes fired two Exocet missiles into a Cypriot tanker, the 87,200-tonne Nikos Kazantzakis, late Monday, setting it ablaze, Gulf-based marine salvage executives said. The executives said there was severe damage but no casualties among the mainly Greek and Pakistani crew when the vessel was attacked at anchor off Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal Island oil term Island oil terminal. Iranian firefighting tugboats rushed to help the stricken vessel, said the executives. The executives said they had no immediate confirmation of a second air attack Iraq said it carried out three hours after the Miles Vessel are second air attack Iraq said it carried out three hours after the Nikos Kazantzakis was hit. The fire was extinguished and the tanker was being towed to Duhai for repairs, they said. The vessel belongs to the Athens-based Greek Trade and Transport Co. The Iraqis also used a French-made Exocet in their May 17 attack on the USS Stark, which killed 37 Americans. Baghdad said the anack was a mistake and Washington accepted the explanation. Iraqi military spokesman in two communiques broadcast by Baghdad Radio reported that Iraqi warplanes Monday scored "accurate and effective hits on large maritime targets." a phrase the Iraqis often use to refer to tankers they attack.

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

Masri heads for U.K.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri left for London on Tuesday for talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the Iran-Iraq war, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. It said Mr. Masri, heading an Arab delegation including representatives of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, would also meet British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Murphy and Polyakov end talks

GENEVA (R) — Senior U.S. and Soviet officials ended talks on Tuesday on prospects for a Middle East peace conference and for settling the Iran-Iraq war. the two superpowers said in a brief joint communique. Richard Murphy, U.S. assistant secretary of state, and Vladimir Polyakov, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East section, met privately for most of the day, including lunch at the American diplomatic mission, a U.S. spokesman said. "They discussed issues involving the settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war, and other related issues," the joint U.S.-Soviet statement said.

Sikh gunmen stage two bus massacres

CHANDIGARH (AP) - Suspected Sikh terrorists struck for the second time in 24 hours Tuesday, massacring up to 34 Hindu bus passengers in Haryana state after killing 38 Hindu pilgrims earlier on a bus in neighbouring Punjab. The United News of India (UNI) quoted police as saying the 34 passengers were slain Tuesday in an attack on two Haryana roadways huses, apparently travelling together, near Fatchabad, about 250 kilometres southwest of Chandigarh. (See page 8).

Arab banks seek to better training

BAHRAIN (R) — The Union of Arab Banks (UAB) warned Tuesday that banks in the Arab World risked being left "centuries behind" unless priority was given to training staff in modern banking. Chairman Anwar Al Khalii said that without action 'Arab banks will face grave and unsurmountable challenges in the future as a result of the continuing deficiency in managerial skills, particularly in the face of severe competition and quickly changing services within the banking industry." Mr. Khalil said the UAB planned to set up institute in Amman early next year.

Petrol tanker crashes. causing many deaths in West Germany

HERBORN (R) — A petrol tanker crashed into an ice cream bar in this West German town Tuesday killing many people as explosions were touched in adjoining houses, police said. A spokesman said the tanker burst into flames and several gas pipes exploded. "We have never before seen so many deaths bere," be added. The ice cream bar was flong into the air. "One house after the other exploded because they were linked by the gas pipes," the spokesman said. No details were immediately avail-

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Lower House elects

By Salameh B. Ne'matt and Nermeen Murad

AMMAN — The Lower House of Parliament on Tuesday elected Dr. Carlos Dihmis, a prominent surgeon, to fill the seat made vacant by the passing of Deputy Farah Bannoura in January. Dr. Dihmis, 54, secured 33 votes out of 58 votes cast in the first round to win the Bethlehem seat.

The House also passed a law by a majority vote that allowed Jordanians to carry dual nationalities subject to the endorsement of a royal decree. The same law grants the Jordanian citizenship to women married to Jordanians three years after marriage for Arab women and five years after marriage for non-Arabs.

During its second extraordinary session since being recalled hy a royal decree last week, the House also passed laws pertaining to oil exploration concessions in the Kingdom, and a law on Puhlic Security and Armed Forces ranks and promotions.

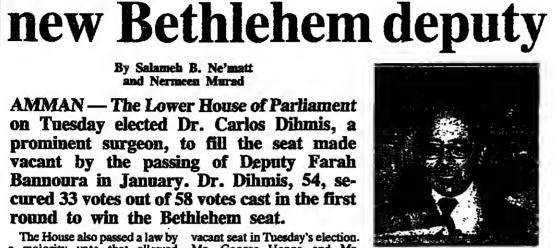
Dr. Dihmis, a graduate in medicine from the American University of Beirut in 1956, beat a field of six candidates to win the surgeon in the Jordanian army

vacant seat in Tuesday's election. Mr. George Hanna and Mr. Salim Khalilieh obtained 11 votes each; Mr. Fuad Dweiri received three votes while Mr. Nicola Qattan, Mr. Hazboon Hazboon and Mr. Yussef Sahouri obtained no votes. Two candidates, Mr. Musa Sa'di and Mr. Issa Atallah, withdrew from the race before the

beginning of the session.

According to the Election Law, a candidate needed to secure 31 votes to win a West Bank seat in the House. If 31 votes were not secured from the first round, a second round or more would have been required until half plus one of the votes were secured by

the leading candidate.
Dr. Dihmis, who served as



Dr. Carlos Dihmis

between 1956 and 1970, pledged after his election to work along with his colleagues in the House towards "the welfare of the country, and, as much as possible, to promote the parliamentary spirit

which I strongly believe in. Dr. Dihmis, a former National Consultative Council member (between 1978 and 1983), told the Jordan Times he joined the government in condemning Israeli plans to pump water from the occupied West Bank. The government has instructed Jordan's permanent representative to the United Nations to submit an urgent written protest to U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez

Laws on dual nationality and servicemen approved

de Cuellar, condemning the move as a violation of international conventions. The Israeli defence ministry has approved the water scheme, under which 18 million cubic metres of water will he pumped every year from an area near Bethiehem.

Dr. Dihmis, who is one of the founders of the Unionist Democratic bloc, a group of Jordanian political activists who are now seeking beensing from the government as a political party, said the Israeli plan violated the U.N. charter and international conventions stipulating that an occupying force must not evict people from the occupied lands or use their resources or affect any such aspects of their lives.

Dr. Dihmis, currently the director of the privately-owned Al Ahli Hospital, said that raising the West Bank water issue during Parliament's current extraordinary session was oot possible, as topics on the House' agenda during such a session were determined beforehand by a royal decree. He said the issue would have to wait for Parliament's regular session.

The law on Public Security and

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do as to the assassination of Prime

we can make another government

Dany Chamoun, son of former

Muslim and leftist leaders have

accused Israel and right-wing

Christian militias of murdering Mr. Karami in collaboration with

Both the Christian militias and

the Lebanese army have demed

the charge, however. The youn-

ger Chamoun visited the United

States in June and held talks with

U.S. officials on the situation in

a Lebanese army officer.

Lebanon.

President Camille Chamoun, is

the leader of the right-wing National Liberal Party, which is

known for links with Israel.

Walters leaves Syria after 'fruitful' talks

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Marjorie Ransom said the Amer-Veteran U.S. trouhleshooter ican envoy was en route to Frankdevelopments and American-Syrian relations, strained eight months ago over allegations Damascus sponsored "ter-

A U.S. embassy source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "The meetings with President Assad were friendly, fruitful and extensive."

U.S. embassy sources said General Walters, Washington's permanent representative at the United Nations, flew in Sunday on the first ranking U.S. official to visit Damascus since Ambassador William Eagleton was pulled out in November.

The sources, quoted by AP, said he held a private meeting with Mr. Assad on Sunday and another in the presence of Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa on

Gen. Walters' presence in the Syrian capital was not reported until Monday. Syrian and U.S. embassy sources would not say what prompted the 24-hour news U.S. embassy spokeswoman

BELGRADE (Agencies) — President Hosm Mnbarak of

Egypt arrived here Tuesday for a

brief official visit to Yugoslavia,

his fourth since becoming head of

He was met at the airport by

Yngoslav President Lazar Mo-jsov, Premier Branko Mikulic,

Foreign Minister Raif Dizdarevic

Mr. Mubarak was accompa-

nied by Foreign Minister Esmat

Abdul Meguid and Foreign Trade

Talks were expected to focus

on bilateral ties and on relations

within the Non-Aligned Move-

ment, which the two countries

helped establish almost 30 years

Minister Yussri Mustafa.

and other Yngoslav officials.

state in 1981.

ican envoy was en route to Frank-Vernon Walters left Tuesday after fort to catch onward connections meeting twice with President to Peking and Tokyo.

Hafez Al Assad on Middle East She told AP in a telephone to Peking and Tokyo.

She to!d AP in a telephone interview that Gen. Walters flew

in "aboard a military plane from a European point where he made a stopover en route from Moscow.'

Mrs. Ransom denied he had already visited Peking over the weekend, insisting Damascus was the second leg of his tour that began with a trip to Moscow.

The United States has had no ambassador in Damascus since last October when Mr. Eagleton was recalled after Britain accused Syria of involvement in an alleged plot to blow up an Israeli airliner flying from London. Damascus denied the charge.
But U.S. President Ronald

Reagan last November imposed sanctions on Syria, including a ban on high-level contacts between U.S. and Syrian officials. Last month, however, Washington said U.S. officials had seen enough changes in Syria's attitude, including unspecified help in facing "terrorism," to suggest a dialogue might be

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Mubarak in Belgrade

Glass says on video he worked for CIA

videotape of kidnapped Amer-ican journalist Charles Glass. The hostage read from a text saying his "main job" was with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency

few know the truth," Mr. Glass to go with the coming presidential said in the videotape delivered to elections," Mr. Glass said. the office in west Beirut of a Western news agency accompamied by a statement from the

wore a dark blue track suit. The voice quality was very poor making it difficult to hear

Mr. Glass mentioned the June

The typed statement by the kidnappers said the video tape was to "put forward... some of the results of the preliminary

investigations of the American

(Continued on page 2) France may consider severing ties with Iran

PARIS (Agencies) — France Mr. Chirac ruled ont any police operation to capture Mr. Gordji with Iran to force an embassy employee to submit to question-ing about last year's deadly bomh wave, Premier Jacques Chirac was quoted as saying Tuesday.

"It is obvious that we won't wait a long time and that we will use all necessary means so that justice can be accomplished," Mr. Chirac was quoted as saying in an interview with the newspaper Le Monde.

have diplomatic immunity.

For a week now, sharpshooters posted on rooftops have trained their sights on the Iranian mission in Paris, where Mr. Gordji remains inside. Down below, French police check the identities of all those entering and leaving. Authorities say they will con-

tinne the stakeout until Mr. Gordji presents himself to a ple and injured more than 150 last September.

"If Mr. Gordji refuses to come out, such an attitude would have very serious consequences on the normalisation process and on our relations with Iran," Le Monde quoted Mr. Chirac as saying.

inside the embassy, an elegant building in Paris's exclusive 16th district.

There are international rules (on embassies) and France will respect these," he told Le

Iran has retaliated to the police stake-out in Paris by surrounding France's emhassy in Tehran. A blockade which trapped the 28 staff and family members inside the French mission for five days was eased on Saturday to allow them to come and go.

Mr. Chirac said it was up to

Iran to act to resolve the crisis and he indicated he would not intervene with French justice anthorities to provide any guarantees for Mr. Gordji's safety. "It is out of the question for Gordji to avoid testifying before

the magistrate, who can draw his conclusions with complete freedom and impartiality," he added. Iran has called for a commit-

ment from the French govern-French indge investigating the ment that Mr. Gordji will not be five bombings that killed 13 peoemerging from the sanctuary of the embassy.

In Tehran, Prime Minister Mir-Hussein Mousavi issued a new attack on France and the superpowers, saying Paris was planning to deliver more Super-Etendard warplanes to Iraq (See page 2).

Arabs involved in land dispute warn against Israeli police action TEL AVIV (R) — Hundreds of mands that land be set aside for into reports that police burst into

Arab Druze villagers camping in what is now a nature reserve in northern Israel said Tuesday they would fight any police attempt to evict them from their ancestral

Twenty-three policemen, two nature reserve rangers and six Druze were injured on Monday in fierce clashes when the Israeli authorities tried to remove the villagers from the encampment in the Mount Meron national park, close to the border with Lebanon. A spokesman for the villagers of Beit Jann told the Israeli news agency Itim: "It should be clear to the police that their entrance to the village will be tantamount to mortal danger. We will not be

responsible for the results." Hundreds of Beit Jann residents milled around the encampment of eight tents in the nature reserve on Tuesday to press deconstruction in the village. Villagers barricaded the entr-

ance and declared they would attack any police force trying to remove the tents or arrest participants in Monday's violence. Sheikh Shaffik Al Assad, head

of the local council, told reporters: "We were in a defensive and not offensive situation. We were attacked by the Israeli police."

Four Druze border policemen resigned and a fifth was fired for refusing to take part in Monday's action, officials said. Villagers have been on strike

for three months to try to pressure the government to release the lands. The Israeli agriculture and energy ministers have been negotiating with Druze leader Sheikh Amin Tarrif on the issue.

Meanwhile, an Israeli politician has demanded an inquiry following two days.

a Tel Aviv apartment and severely beat nine Arab hotel workers

A spokeswoman for parliamentarian Ram Cohen from the Citizens' Rights Party told Reuters that he filed a complaint with police after the workers told him they were beaten on three occa-

sions without provocation. She said the Arabs, seven of them from the occupied Gaza Strip and two from the Galilee, all had appropriate work papers and were staying in an apartment rented for them by the Tel Aviv

hotel that employs them. · The Arabs said that border police, some in plain clothes. burst into the apartment, beat them and stole their money. They said the attacks took place on May 4, and were repeated on the

launched when the fighting

started with a mortar attack on an

Resistance men and Israel troops mass after all-day Lebanon clash

Monday's hattle lasted 13

quoted by Reuter said.

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes roared over South Lebanon on Tuesday as Israeli forces and Lebanese and Palestinian fighters massed after an all-day battle on Monday, reports said.

The Shi'ite Amal militia radio said clashes between Amal fighters and Israeli forces continued to flare along the edge of Israel's self-styled "security zone" in South Lehanon.

Air raid sirens sounded in

Sidon as six jets swooped low overbead, drawing anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian emplacements on the hills east of the port. Streets emptied as people ran

for safety, fearing an Israeli re-venge raid for the fighting on of Israel's self-declared zone.

South Lebanon Army (SLA) shot and wounded a civilian.

militiamen and resistance fighters

Monday near Yater on the edge

non," said one source, saying Amal was joined by fighters of Hizboliah and the National Re-Amal sources in the south said eight guerrilias died. Israel Radio

The U.N. sources said the hattle started when an Israeli patrol

hours and at one point involved nearly 200 Lehanese fighters, sources in the U.N. Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL) said. A The ensuing battle included attacks by Israeli helicopter gunships, tanks and artillery.

An Israeli spokesman said at one point fighters who were chapting at Israeli troops retro-Nepalese post was caught in the thick of the fighting but no U.N. troops were hurt.

SLA post.

were massing on the edge of the was out looking for sites from

zone southeast of Tyre, sources which Katyusha rockets had been

shooting at Israeli troops retre-ated to a UNIFIL position to "Guerrillas poured into the battle from all over South Lebacontinue shooting. UNIFIL spokesman Timur

Goksel confirmed the incident but said guerrillas forced their way into the Nepalese post, leaving the peacekeepers helpless.

The UNIFIL spokesman called said mine guerrillas were killed. Monday's clashes "the longest Israeli casualties were unknown. battle" in South Lehanon in recent memory. The clash took place near the village of Yates six kilometres north of the Israeli

The Israeli army said a patrol border. Soviets 'will withdraw warships from Gulf if West does same'

MOSCOW (Agencies) — The Gulf to protect Soviet merchant Soviet Union will withdraw its ships. warships from the Gulf if the United States, Britain and France lead the way, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.
"If the United States, Britain

and France withdrew their ships, Soviet naval ships would undoubtedly be withdrawn from the Gulf also," ministry spokesman Boris Pyadyshev told reporters. His comment helped clarify a Soviet call last week for countries outside the Gulf region to withdraw their warships from the

Moscow said the present naval build-up could spark an international crisis but did not make clear whether the Soviet Union envisaged withdrawing its own forces from the area.

Pyadyshev said that as of last Saturday, the Soviet Union had three minesweepers, a frigate and a communications vessel in the with the American Broadcasting

a similar move. White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker said on Sunday that the United States might with-

Iran-Iraq war and the Soviet Union did the same. Pyadyshev said that if Mr. Baker's statement meant "a positive attitude to our proposal, we welcome it as a step in the right

U.S. and Soviet ships have been among vessels damaged in the Gulf in the spillover of fight-

Company on Sunday that "if the Soviets will remove theirs, perhaps we'll take a fresh look' at the American naval presence in the Gulf. "But we're certainly not going to cede control of that region to the Soviet Union."

American warships meanwhile geared up to escort 11 Kuwaiti tankers in the troubled Guif.

U.S. warplanes have flown a practice mission south of Iran and U.S. navy warships patrolled an iragi-declared exclusion zone of military operations in the northern reaches of the Gulf around Kharg, according to sources who spoke to AP in Washington and the Gulf.

Pentagon and State Department officials said U.S. intelligence photographed a Chinesemade Silkworm missile Friday at Kuhestak, one of two hardened bunkers the Iranians have built

North testifies that he 'assumed' Reagan approved funds diversion

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Sacked White House aide Oliver North testified Tuesday that he assumed — without being told that President Ronald Reagan had approved diverting profits from secret arms sales to Iran to contra rebels.

But in dramatic testimony before congressional committees, Lieutenant-Colonel North said Mr. Reagan eventually told him in a telephone conversation on Nov. 25: "I just didn't know."

Col. North also admitted shredding documents after the Iran-contra affair began unravelling when a plane carrying an American mercenary was shot down in Nicaragua in October.

The 43-year-old North, wearing his marine officer's dress uniform with six rows of ribbons, ended months of silence under a grant of immunity that prevents his words from being used against him in court.

Col. North was the key man in

a series of secret and possibly illegal activities that sent the Reagan administration into a political tailspin when it became public late last year.

He said the shredding continued through November, as Justice Department officials began investigating the affair. Asked about five memos he

wrote seeking his superior's approval for the clandestine operation, Col. North said candidly: "I think I shredded most of that." Col. North demied any of the

memos bore evidence of direct presidential approval for the secret initiative. His testimony before the House of Representatives and Senate Iran-contra investigating

committees was carried live by the major U.S. television net-Starting his long-awaited testimony, a defiant North came down in the president's favour on

a crucial question of whether the

and he never raised it with me during my entire tenure. "Throughout the conduct of my entire tenure I assumed that

the president was aware of what I

was doing and had, through my

president knew about the funds

Col. North said he sought the

approval of his superiors for all

he did. But as for direct contact

with the president, Col. North

said, "I never raised it with him,

superiors, approved it." He said, however, that none of his superiors spoke of direct presidential approval.

Col. North also said his boss. Vice-Admiral John Poindexter. who was Mr. Reagan's national security advisor, said the president did not know funds were being channelled to the rebels

"I came here to tell you the truth, the good, the bad and the ngly," he said at one point. "I am bere to tell it all....

fighting Nicaragua's government.

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- Mr. Mubarak, who was nominated by the Egyptian parliament for a second six-year term as president on Monday, was due to leave on Wednesday for Geneva,
 - where he will take part in the forthcoming session of the Umited Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Egypt's parliament on Monday overwhelmingly approved the nomination of Mr. Mubarak for a

second term.

Rules now require a national referendum, which will be conducted in October, to endorse the People's Assembly's choice.

Egyptian sources meanwhile

en route to Geneva declined to comment on reports that Mr. Mnbarak would meet Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Geneva to discuss prospects for an international Middle East peace conference.

Mr. Peres said Monday the planned meeting Thursday would be part of "continuing contacts with Egypt about developments in the area and progress in the peace process." "I presume the issue (of the

international conference) will be

discussed," Mr. Peres told Israel

army radio. He added that 'no special joint communique is expected. Israeli officials said Tuesday that Mr. Peres was also likely to meet U.N. Secretary-General

Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva on Thursday. Reacting to reports in the Hadashot daily that Mr. Peres was also due to meet senior Chinese, Soviet and Yugoslav officials during his one-day stay, the officials told reporters he had no other meetings scheduled. Mr. Peres and Mr. Mubarak

issued a joint statement calling for a peace conference this year. Since then, Mr. Peres has been unable to win backing from Israel's coalition government for the proposal or force early elections on the issue.

last met in Cairo in February and

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Kidnap-pers on Tuesday released a ·1 assassination of Prime Minister Rashid Karami in a bomh explo-

sion aboard an army helicopter. "I met many Christian leaders ... I made Dany Chamoun go to the USA and meet the officials... we also discussed what we should

"I am Charles Glass. Many of Minister Rashid Karami and how you know me as a journalist, but

Organisation for the Free People's Defence." "I used the press as a cover for my main job with the CIA," said the unshaven Glass. He was shown from the waist up and

exactly what Mr. Glass was "I collect information for the benefit of the CIA. For that I made secret missions, they ordered me to do that," Mr.

Glass said.

Mr. Glass, looking broken, choked several times while reading the text written on yellow

It was the premier's first public comment on the week-long standoff between France and Iran over the fate of Wahid Gordii, an embassy translator who does not

It's a drop in the ocean compared with the armada hrought in by the Pentagon," he said. He insisted the United States must withdraw its warships first before the Soviet Union would consider

draw its naval forces from the Gulf if there was a ceasefire in the

direction. ing between Iran and Iraq. Mr. Baker said in an interview

diversion.

Glass says he worked for CIA

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spy Charles Glass so that you may know how dangerous such people

The investigations will gra-

dually reveal all Zionist designs

through which he used to move

and will also reveal all the agents

linked to him in this mission," the

"America was and still seeks to

manipulate, subjugate and

dominate us and to consolidate

Israel and its collaborators on our

land," said the statement, addres-

sed to "the free and struggling

The kidnapping was seen as a serious challenge to the Syrians, who sent 7.500 troops to west

Beirut Feh. 22 in an attempt to

restore order to the then militia-

The command of the Syrian

army in Lebanon has established

the "political identity" of Mr.

Glass' kidnappers, a source close

to the command disclosed

In Washington the White House denied Tuesday that Mr.

"No, he was not," White

House spokesman Marlin Fitzwa-

ter said when be was asked to

respond to the recorded state-

"The history of these kinds of

videotapes suggests that they are often done under coercion, and

perhaps even under torture."

But, Fitzwater added.

obviously I have no direct in-

formation on this particular

Earlier State Department

spokeswoman Laura Jehl said

there was no immediate comment

on Mr. Glass' statements.

Glass was a CIA agent.

ment hy Mr. Glass.

Fitzwater said.

videotape.

ruled sector of the capital.

statement said.

people."

Galitsin calls Gulf region 'extremely important' to Moscow

KUWAIT (AP) — A senior Soviet official said Tuesday the Gulf region was "extremely important" to Moscow because of its proximity to Soviet borders, the newspaper Al Anbaa reported.

Alexander I. Galitsin, head of the Arahian Gulf section of the Foreign Ministry's Department of the Middle East, also told the paper Soviet warships will escort three Soviet-flag tankers chartered to Kuwait to protect them against possible attacks.

'As a preventive measure, the Soviet Union has sent naval units to the Gulf to escort Soviet-flag tankers which were hired by Kuwait," Mr. Galitsin said in a Moscow interview.

A spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry had said that the tankers would be escorted "if

Knwait have chartered the Soviet tankers and is reflagging 11 tankers, balf of its fleet, in the United States to be guaranteed superpower protection against Iranian attacks.

Journalists

seek release

of Lebanon

WASHINGTON (AP) - A

group of U.S. journalists con-

cerned about two colleagues kid-

napped in Lebanon bas formed a

committee to press for the release

of the reporters and other hos-

tages.
The journalists who set up the committee included Jerry Levin,

a former hostage in Lehanon who works for Cable News Network.

profession initiated something to

draw attention to the plight of

Terry Anderson, Charles Glass, and for that matter, of all the

other hostages," the committee said in an open letter recently

sent to other journalists.

Andersoo. 39, Beirut corres-

pondent for the Associated Press, was seized on March 16, 1985.

Glass, 36. was on a leave of

absence from the ABC Television

Network to write a book about

Lehanon when he was abducted

The letter said Anderson's cap-

tivity represents "28 months of

unimaginable suffering for a com-

pletely innocent man. Now he has

The group's first step was to

been joined ... Charles Glass."

write a letter to Iran's leader.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

urging him to work for the release

of the hostages.
The "Journalists" Committee

to Free Terry Anderson" is circu-

lating the letter to ohtain signa-

tures from others in the media

The letter to Khomeini does

not accuse Iran's leader of initiat-

ing the bostage-taking in Leba-

non or of supporting its continua-

on June 17.

"We feel it's time our own

hostages

Tankers flying superpower flags are entitled to protection from their respective country's naval units in the Gulf.

Iran has been attacking ships sailing to or from this Arah Gulf state. Tehran accuses Kuwait of aiding the Iraqi war effort. Iran and Iraq bave been at war since September 1980.

Iranian leaders bave condemned the Kuwaiti moves and the superpowers, particularly the United States.

"Kuwait's chartering of the three Soviet tankers is a purely commercial deal, and Moscow considers as baseless Iranian charges that Kuwait is helping Iraq's military effort," Mr. Galit-

Soviet warships were first sight-ed inside the Gulf waters last

September after the spillovers of the Iran-Irag war on international "The Soviet Union has politicthe Iran-Iraq war on international maritime routes escalated

Gulf-based shipping executives reported in May that the chartered tankers, escorted by Soviet warships, began ferrying Kuwaiti oil. They estimated their naval strength at two frigates inside the Gulf and another two just outside the Strait of Hormuz, its outlet to

One of the three tankers, the Marshal Chuikov, hit a mine in the water near Kuwait May 16. The mines, which have hit three other tankers, are believed laid by the Iranians.

The Soviet official told Al Anhaa his country "considers the freedom of navigation in the Gulf is inseparable from the Iran-Iraq war," and that Moscow will continue its "political, military and economic aid," to Iraq. He expressed astonishment

over recent statements by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murpby concerning the Soviet military presence in the

al, economic and commercial interests in the Gulf in addition to interests pertaining to the Soviet Union's national security," Mr. Galitsin said.

Mr. Murphy told Gulf editors last week that Soviet interests in the Gulf were not comparable to those of the United States.

"We consider this region extremely important because it is situated near our southern border." Mr. Galitsin said. "We recognise the American interests in the region, but we wonder why the United States does not recognise our interests," he added.

Mr. Galitsin reported "tangible progress" in Iran's response to latest Soviet peace efforts and expressed satisfaction over the outcome of a recent visit to Tehran by a high-ranking Soviet diplomat.

'Iran showed preparedness for dialogue on several Gulf issues, including the war," he said.

precipitated by reports that the

Saudi air force had failed to rush to the help of an American frigate

State Richard Murphy last week

He said Congress in May was "ill-advised, ill-informed" about the Sandi response to the Stark attack, adding that there was "never an understanding that the

SPA reported after the U.S. delegation's departure on Mon-day that King Fahd discussed with them "the Arah and international issues of the hour."

Fahd: S. Arabia can seek arms from any country

TAIF (AP) — King Fahd, apparently displeased with Washington over a delayed request for arms, told military commanders the kingdom may seek weapons from any friendly pow-er, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA)

reported; Tuesday. "We will have to be perpetually prepared to defend our religion, shrines and territory," King Fahd told a group of armed forces commanders, national guard and internal security officers at his summer palace in Taif late

Saudi Arabia, be said, has the ability to "buy weapons and defence equipment necessary for its armed forces from any friendly

country in the world." He also urged all citizens to respond to conscription and "fulfill your duty to defend your country the military service is honour to all citizens."

ment shortly after a meeting with a team of U.S. congressmen. Arah diplomatic sources said King Fahd raised the issue of congressional opposition to the kingdom's bid to buy 12 F-15 jet fighters 1,600 sophisticated Maverick anti-tank missiles.

The delegation led by Representative Les Aspin, chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, ended Monday a Gulf tour aimed at probing hazards facing ships in the waterway and plans to reflag
11 Kuwaiti tankers in the United

The sources said although overall Saudi policy remains cordial towards the United States. King Fahd voiced disappointment specifically over the Maverick

The U.S. administration withdrew a notification of sale for the deal to Congress in May in face of The monarch made his state- a hostile trend on Capitol Hill

that was attacked by Iraq. Thirtyseven crewmen were killed aboard the USS Stark in the May 17 attack. U.S. Assistant Secretary of

told Gulf Arab editors that the administration intended to resubmit the notification of sale of the Mavericks to Congress at a more opportune moment.

Saudi air force would protect U.S. naval units in the Gulf."

Iran warns France not to send jets to Iraq

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran will not remain silent about France's "planned delivery" of been rocketing each other's ves-Super-Etendard warplanes to sels and foreign-owned oil tank-Iran, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi said Tuesday.

The official Islamic Republic Nicosia, quoted Mr. Musavi as

Iraq was reported seeking to purchase Mirage 2000 jets from support for the Iraqi Baathists." France, its second major arms supplier after Moscow. Iraqi pilots have been test-flying the fighter-bomhers in France.

France leased six Super-Etendards to Iraq in November 1986. air-to-sea Exocet missiles, have since reported to have been returned to France.

Iran and Iraq have been at war Islamic: Revolution to show its since September 1980. They have power, and that an Iranian vicbeen rocketing each other's vesers since the war spread to the

News Agency, monitored in that the United States and the tional arena," and has "levers Soviet Union were supporting which we will use for the protect telling ground forces commanders that Iran will "confront" cent visits to Baghdad by U.S. such a measure hy France. and Soviet euvoys were "indications of global arrogance's overall

Although U.S. and Soviet in-terests diverged, the two superpowers, "for the first time, reached an understanding to confine the Islamic Revolution with-But the jets, capable of carrying in its own boundaries," IRNA

quoted Mr. Musavi as saying. He added that the Gulf war

tory would jeopardise all superpower interests in the region.

He said Iran was "acting powerfully in the Middle East, Gulf three years ago.

Mr. Musavi repeated the charge

powerfully in the Middle East, the Islamic World and internation and safeguarding of the values of the Islamic Revolution.

Mr. Musavi said Iran was facing military, political and economic aggression and called on Iranian representatives abroad to be vigilant against plots by what be called international arrogance.

He referred to problems faced by Iranian officials in Britain, France and Spain, where an Iranian diplomat was wounded in a was "the biggest arena for the car bomh attack in Madrid.

U.S. congressmen denounce human rights violations

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A group of U.S. congressmen Tuesday denounced Turkey for violating human rights in Cyprus and called for action by Washington to prevent it.

by Turkey

"We will not allow the world to forget the human rights violations that have been committed here," declared Peter H. Kostmayer, a Pennsylvania Democrat and member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. Kostmayer and two other Democrats, Julian Carey Dixon from California and Chester G. Atkins from Massaebussets, spent four days on the war-divided island touring Greek Cyp-riot refugee camps and talking to local leaders.

"We wil go back with a re-newed personal dedication for human rights here in Cyprus and all over the world," Mr. Atkins said before the group left.

Cyprus has been divided since July 1974 when Turkey invaded and occupied the northern one third of the east Mediterranean island following an attempted coup by Greek Cypriot supporters of union with Greece.

"It's always easy to forget after 13 years what happened and somehow to accept the status quo which is unfair and unjust," Mr. Kostmayer said.

"All of us will fight for the day when Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots can live together in peace and harmony with full buman rights."

Following the invasion 200,000 Greek Cypriots, one-third of the island's population, fled or were expelled from the Turkisb-occupied area.

In November 1983, the 120,000-strong Turkish Cypriot minority unilaterally declared the northern part of Cyprus a hreak-

away republic.

The United Nations Security
Council branded that move legally invalid and called for its ahrogation. It also demanded the withdrawal of Turkish troops and the return of Greek Cypriot refagees to their homes.

Mr. Kostmayer briefly visited

the Turkish sector, but declined comment on his findings. The European Commission of

Human Rights declared in a July 1976 report that Turkey had violated human rights in Cyprus. Turkey has ret ment the commission's recommendations for restoring human rights on the island.

Both sides have rejected U.N. proposals aimed at reuniting the island. Greek Cypriots want a Turkish withdrawal and the return of the refugees to the north before they will discuss the proposals.

The Turks insist on equal rights for their community and a bizonal federation, but have balked at allowing the Greek Cypriots to return to the north.

Hawe, Halefoglu discuss Turkey's bid to join EC

LONDON (R) — Turkish Fore-ign Minister Vahit Halefoglu met Wednesday. British Foreign Secretary Sir Speaking at a luncheon on Geoffrey Howe for talks that covered Ankara's application to join the European Community. Mr. Halefoglu, who arrived Sunday on a five-day visit, said

Monday Turkey had made great economic and democratic progress and was now ready to join the 12-nation bloc.

Turkey formally applied to join the Community last April, eliciting a cool response in London with Howe linking Turkey's membership to progress in improving human rights.
A Foreign Office spokesman

said Howe Monday acknowledged the progress made by Turkey on buman rights and towards a full democracy and urged that it sbould continue.

The spokesman said the talks, which lasted for nearly two hours, also touched on trade, relations between the Community and Turkey, bilateral relations and briefly on the Gulf war.

Mr. Halefoglu was due to meet Defence Secretary George Younger Tuesday and Prime Minister

Monday, the Turkish foreign minister said: "The process of democratisation in Turkey has gained great momentum. In a short span of time, we were able to restore democratic rights and

Mr. Halefoglu said martial law would be lifted in the four remaining provinces under military rule on July 19.

He said that although the Community might be going through a difficult period, having to absorb the recent entry of Spain and Portugal, these problems would be sorted out by the time Ankara's application had been pro-

Mr. Halefoglu brushed aside a British parliamentary report published last week which recommended that Turkey's application to join the Community should be linked to the Cyprus problem.

"The Cyprus problem is com-plicated enough," he said. "Fore-ign interference is not helping the solution of that problem.

Lower House elects new deputy

(Continued from page 1)

Armed Forces was passed by the House by a majority vote after a 20-minute dehate in which Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Interior Minister Rajai Dajani took part.

Under the new law, Public Security and Armed Forces personnel would bave an age limit of 45 beyond which they could not be promoted from the rank of first staff sergeant to second lieutenant. Before the new law, there had been no promotions after the rank of first staff

Legal Committee rapporteur Ahdul Baqi Jammoh (Zarqa) criticised the age limit saying it would cause "frustration among staff sergeants who know they will be over 45 hy the time they become first staff sergeants eligihle for promotion to second lieutenant" and would eliminate the incentive to improve their productivity.

Mr. Rifai spoke in favour of the law saying that it was de-signed to give the chance for first staff sergeant to be promoted to the rank of second lieutenant which the old law did not allow. Concerning the age limit, the prime minister said he believed it was reasonable considering the average age and qualifications of those joining the army and the

public security. Deputy Ahmad Kofahi (Irhid) suggested that the age limit be changed to 55 instead of 45 to allow more military and security personnel to benefit from the promotion. Deputies Ahmad Akaileh (Tafileh) and Laith Sbbeilat (Amman) joined Mr. Jammoh in their criticism of the

age limit in the new law. Mr. Dajani said that when the new law was issued, it took into consideration the education and physical fitness, hence the age limit of 45. He said lieutenants are

traditionally required to carry ont "direct field responsibilities" that required physical fitness as well as a high level of education to deal with more sophisticated

Deputy Shbeilat made a point of order against Mr. Jammoh the rapporteur of the legal committee for criticising the law as rapporteur. Speaker Akef Fayez pointed out to Mr. Shbeilat that it was not a deputy's task to decide order at the session.

Walters leaves Damascus (Continued from page 1)

productive. The diplomats said Gen. Walters had expressed to Mr. Assad U.S. appreciation for Syria's efforts to gain freedom for American kidnap victims in Lebanon. Political sources said any step

to improve relations would include the return of the U.S. ambassador to Syria. Meanwhile, an Israeli government official on Tuesday said the Walters trip to Damascus "did

not signal a normalisation of U.S.-Syrian relations. -The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Israel had informed the U.S. that its Lebanese allies killed two Sy-

rian-backed fighters Friday who

were suspected of plotting an attack in Israel. The two, who were killed in a

clash in Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone," were members of the Syrian-hacked Al Saiga faction and the Syrian Baath Party, the official said. "The United States knows

where Syria stands on terrorism." the official said. "Sending terror groups to hit Israel is not exactly an improvement in the Syrian position."

i The official refrained from cri-Licising President Reagan for sending Gen. Walters to Syria. But he contended that the meetings "do not signal a normalisation of U.S. relations with Syria.



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Murid and Rima Murad and their family warmly congratulate their friend

Dr. Carlos Dihmis

on his election as Bethlehem deputy of the Lower House of Parliament. The Murads wish him all success in serv-

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* French archaeological exhibition at French Cultural Centre runs through July 9.

" An exhibition of paintings by Janset Shami at the Petra Bank Gallery (until July 9)

A photographic exhibition by Zohrah entitled "Panoramas of Jordan" at the Royal Cultural Centre (until July 12). JERASH FESTIVAL (July 8-31)

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"Children's Heritage and Science Maseum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the

An art exhibition by Omar Bssoul at the Housing Bank Centre's gallery (until July 18).

Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th / centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman, Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the untiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by countemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Queen, NHF trustees review progress

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor presided over a meeting of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's board of trustees Tuesday, during which they reviewed the progress made during the last few months. Queen Noor also reviewed with the board members the progress of work at the projects being sponsored by the NHF. The board also studied projects planned for 1988.

Speaker travels to Damascus for talks

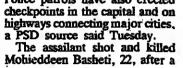
AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament and President of the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU) Akef Al Fayez leaves for Damascus Wednesday on a several-day visit to Syria. During the visit, Mr. Payez will hold talks with Speaker of the Syrian People's Council Mahmoud Al Zu'bi and senior Syrian officials regarding developments in the Arab region and means of bolstering bilateral relations in various fields, including par-

Police search for killer

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A police manhunt launched throughout the King-dom on Monday in search of a lone gunman who murdered a businessman and fled with JD 100,000 continued Tuesday.

The Public Security Department (PSD) intensified the search on the country's border exits for the assailant who was last seen ficeing the crime scene in Jabal Hussein towards the central bus and service station at Abdali. Police patrols have also erected checkpoints in the capital and on





Mohieddeen Basheti

fistfight hroke out when the man tried to steal a bag Basheti was carrying containing JD 100,000 in Jordanian and foreign currencies. After shooting Basheti, the man grabbed the bag and fled.



His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan pray at the tomb of King Talal Ibn



Abdullah on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of King Talal's death (Petra photos).

Jordan pays tribute to King Talal

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday visited the tomb of his father, the late King Talal, who passed away 15 years ago, recited Al Fatiha, the first sura of the Holy Qura'n, and laid a wreath of flowers on the tomh. Also visiting the tomh were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, Prince Talal Ibn Mobammad,

Prince Ghazi Ibn Mohammad

and other members of the royal

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, officers, and commander and Cabinet members; speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament and members of the two houses, Chief of the Royal Minister Adnan Ahu Odeb, Royal Court, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, officers.

amily. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen.
The tomb was also visited by Fathi Abu Taleb, senior army senior officers of King Talal Brigade, Amman Mayor Ahdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Court Marwan Al Oasem, Court Mheilan and Muslim ulamas, the deputy director of public security. Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd directors of civil defence and Ibn Zaid, senior officials from the general intelligence departments and senior public security, civil defence and general intelligence

ALECSO proposes Jerusalem Liberation Day

TUNIS (Petra) — The Arab League's Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation's (ALECSO Executive Board concluded its 42nd session here and called for Oct. 7 of each year to be designated as "Jerusalem Li-beration Day," Director of Ministry of Education's Cultural

Affairs Department Sameh Al Khafsh said on Tuesday.

In an interview with the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, Mr. Khafsh said that Oct. 7 will be celehrated by the Arah and Muslim nations as a national day, during which speeches will be delivered at schools, universities, community Fund

colleges and all educational and cultural institutions in the Arah

The board also called on all member states to contribute to the United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) Fellowship

Royal Decree approves civil servants regulation for 1987

Maternity and sick leaves to be extended

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree has been issued endorsing the revised comprehensive civil servants regulation for 1987. As part of the new regulation, a number of high-ranking officials will receive salary

The ebief Islamic justice, the chief of the accounting bureau, and the president of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) will receive a base salary of JD 600 a month plus a post allowance of JD 500.

Secretary general of the Prime Ministry, presidents of the Jordan Valley Authority, the Water Authority of Jordan and the Legislation Bureau, and the Cabinet's legal advisor will each receive JD 500 per month, in addition to a post allowance of JD 50 and a special allowance amounting to 50 per cent of the hase salary.

Under the regulation, governors at the Ministry of Interior, and under secretaries, and the Prime Ministry secretary, will receive a monthly salary of JD 240-300 in addition to an annual increment of JD 10 and a special allowance of 50 per cent of the base salary as well as a post or administration allowance of JD

These salary raises take effect retroactively as of July 1. Speaking on the new comprebensive civil servants regulation,

which has been approved by the Royal Committee for Administrative Development (RCAD), CSC President Ibrahim Izzuddin said Tuesday the regulation will be in force at the beginning of next year, by which time it will bave passed required constitu-

tional procedures. Mr. Izzuddin said the regulation will apply to all public civil servants, whose number totals 100,000, whether they work for ministries, government depart-ments or public institutions.

The regulation is designed to focus on administrative development, and thus has provided for the creation of development and training units in government departments. These units will be in charge of monitoring administrative development, manpower training and improving staff performance.

The new regulation also aims at classifying the civil service into

four categories. The first category includes specialised and leadership posts; the second includes specialised jobs

in various professions, the third

includes administrative and clerical posts; the fourth includes non-classified posts and nun-pen-

sion staff. Mr. Izzuddin said that staff performance will no longer he confidential; it will he filed by the immediate supervisor in consultation with the staff members con-

The regulation will also improve certain types of leaves, including a provision for offering mothers a maternity leave of 60 days and giving them the right to a special leave to care for their children. It also raised the sick leave from 12 months to 14 ·months.

The new regulation also concentrated on administrative su-pervision which will assure that staff will be treated fairly.

In answer to a question on the formation of a new civil servants council, known as the CS Bureau, Mr. Izzuddin said the new council will be a standing ministerial committee, headed by the deputy prime minister and grouping ministers of labour and social development, of education, of finance, of higher education and of planning, in addition to the CS Bureau president, the Prime Ministry's legal advisor and a number of high ranking adminis-

Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts 1987

3-week extravaganza London ballet tops events for opening night opens this evening

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the royal patronage, the 6th Jerash Festival of Arts and Culture will director of the festival, said this

be inaugurated this evening.

The main celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. when a number of Jordanian athletes will carry the festival's torch to the South

Then, a number of Jordanian troupes will present a joint artistic performance accompanied by the Armed Forces Musical Band.

Other events on opening night will include the London City Ballet, performing the ballet "Giselet, performing the ballet "Giselet". at the South Theatre following the opening ceremonies. At the Sound and Light Theatre, the children's play Ammo Amin will be performed beginning at 8:00

At the Artemis Steps, an American youth orchestra, the Young Strings in Action, with young Jordanian musicians from the National Music Conservatory, will give a concert starting at 8:00 p.m. And in the Forum, local folk dance groups will give performances beginning at 7:30

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Ministry of

than individual ones will be staged. He added that the organising committee has capitalised on all experiences acquired during the past five years and has made the necessary airrangements to ensure the success of the festival and the

year's festival is unique in that

collective performances rather

He added that there will be a mobile stage for the first time. This stage can be used for future artistic performances in various cities and town throughout the Kingdom.

comfort of visitors.

Mr. Hamarneh added that the Jerash Festival's National Higher Committee, in order to allow the largest number of people to watch the activities, has lowered the ticket prices, thus making attendance accessible to more

On the activities and program: mes, Mr. Hamarnch said children's programmes and plays are taking a larger part of this year's

By Meg Abn Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Sixth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts opens this evening and one of the highlights for many will be the London City Ballet's perform-ance of the classical ballet "Giselle," to be held at 9:00 p.m. in the South Theatre.

This is the second time the company has visited Jordan, the first time being two years ago when the company, performed "Swan Lake" to audiences in the South Theatre. Patronised by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the company, under the artistic directorship of Harold King, has recently gone from strength to strength and "Giselpromises to be an evening

that will be greatly enjoyed. With music by Adolphe Adam, Giselle," which was first produced in Paris in 1841, is based on a story written by Theophile Gauiter, who adapted it from an

ancient legend. It is a complex tragedy in which a young peasant girl falls in love with a fellow villager, Loys. Loys, however is not all he seems to be and is in fact a nobleman, Count Albrecht, who is already bet-

rothed to someone else. A jealous rival reveals the distraught Giselle to commit suicide. As she has died betrayed, Giselle joins the world of the

wilis" - spirits of maidens who in their misery haunt the forest drawing any man who crosses their path in the hours of darkness into a dance that ends in

Giselle manages to save her beloved Albrecht from this fate. Because sbe bas overpowered evil with ber love her spirit returns to its grave, free. With such

the most popular of all romantic

The London City Ballet was founded by Harold King in 1978, to give lnnch hour performances at the Arts Theatre, London. The initial eight dancers have now swollen to a company of 29, the principals being drawn from such prestigious companies as the Royal Ballet, the London Festival Ballet and the Scottish Ballet.

ingredients, "Giselle" is one of is to present "a high standard of classical hallet at affordable prices to appeal not only to committed ballet-goers but also to new audiences," The London City Ballet spends much of its time touring and has given per-formances in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Finland and Sri Lanka as well as all over

Great Britain. "Giselle" can again be seen on Thursday, July 9, at 9:00 p.m. in



Albrecht's duplicity which leads London City Ballet troupe performing Act II of the ballet "Giselle" (Photo by Frank Higham).

U.S., Jordanian youths join for evening concerts

young Jordanian musicians from the National Music Conservatory (NMC) will join 9 members of the U.S. youth orchestra the Young Strings, in a concert this evening at the opening of the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts, according to a press release by

the Noor Al Hussein Foundation. Less than a year old, the NMC. sponsored by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, has produced quality music students (aged 6-18), thanks to a special method of instruction which allows remarkahly rapid progress by emphasising relaxation and physical activ-The tension-free movements which the children are taught with the violin enables them to produce lovely tones almost from

the very beginning. The violin students of the NMC have been making intensive preparations for their joint-appearance with the Young Strings in Action and will make their debut at the Jerasb Festival opening ceremony today. Their public performances will be given at 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the

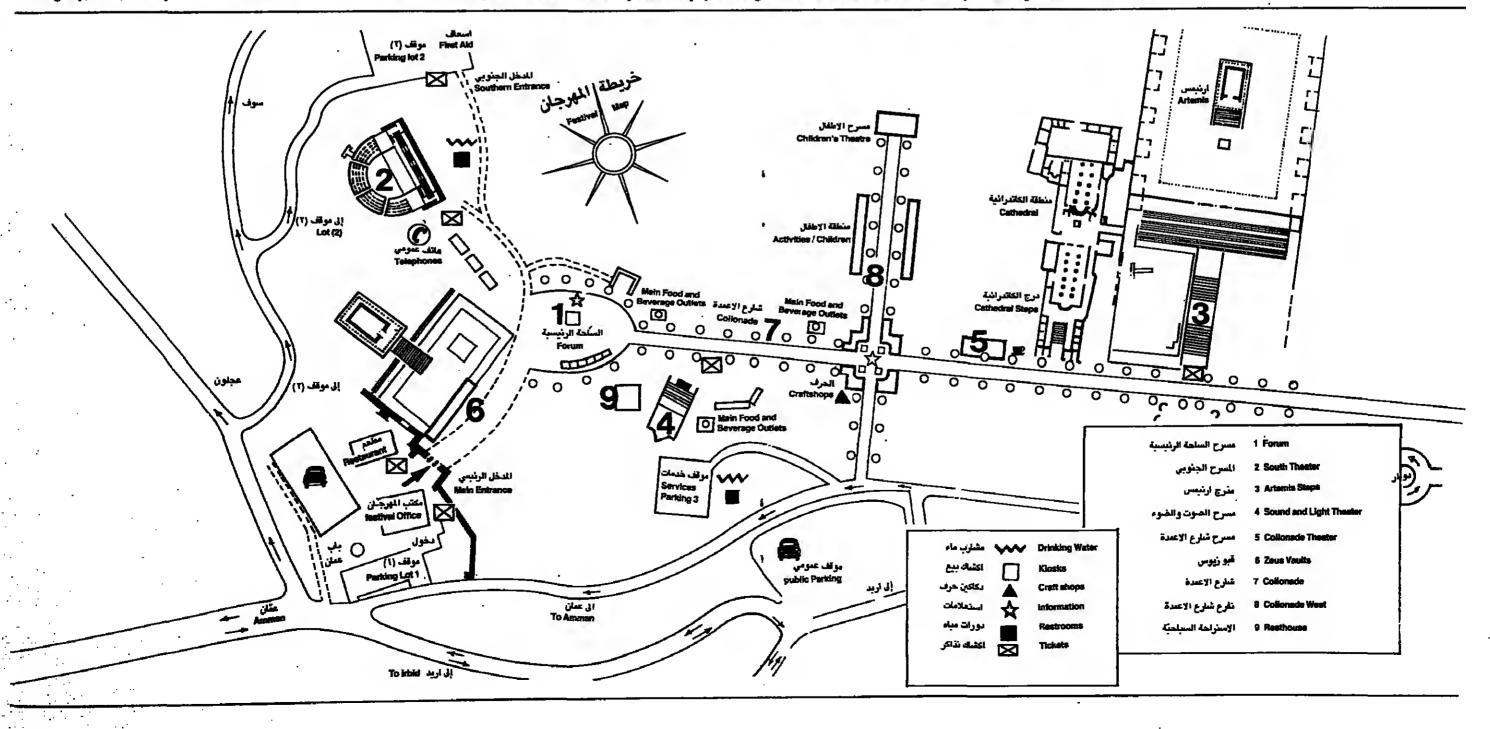
Artemis Steps. The NMC was inaugurated hy Her Majesty Queen Noor in October 1986, with the aim of

AMMAN (J.T.) - Forty-five aged 6-18 with an opportunity to develop their artistic talents.

The conservatory, boused at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman, began its Violin Programme in October 1986 with three Jordanian instructors and 45 violin students. Today, the programme has 60 students and five teachers and plans to accommodate up to 130 students and ten teachers by the end of 1987.

In September 1987, the conservatory will add viola and cello to its string section and will introduce woodwind and brass instruction. Mrs. Sheila Johnson, the U.S. music instructor who has assisted with the establishment of the Violin Programme makes follow-up visits to the conservatory every three months, to train Jordanian music teachers and evate the students' progress and the instructors' performance.

The idea of the NMC was born in 1984 when, at the invitation of Her Majesty Queen Noor, a group of 15 young America violinists from Washington D.C. aged 8-10 came to Jordan to erform at the Jerash Festival. The Young Strings in Action performed works by Vivaldi and Bach on the steps of the ancient providing Jordanian children temple of Armetis in Jerash.



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Strong action required

IN THE face of mounting Arab and international opposition to the Israeli decision to pump some 20 million cubic metres of water annually from an area near the Arab city of Bethlehem. Israeli Coordinator of Activities in the Occupied Territories Shmuel Guren said that the Israeli water-drilling project would not be executed "if Arab rights are harmed." As Israel will be the final arbiter of whether Arab rights are infringed, the Jordanian government was right in ledging an urgent complaint to the United Nations, and in having its complaint circulated as an official obserment of the Security Council and General Assembly.

But as the apparent Issueli muster plan to seize most surface and underground fresh water supplies in the West Bank could be just as ominous and far recovering as its "on-hold" plan to pump sea water from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea in order to generate electricity at the expense of Arab arable lands which would have been flooded in the process, we think that supplementary actions by Jordan and other Arab countries are called for. It will be recalled that it was the forcefulness and sustained Jordanian efforts in and outside the United Nations which forced Israel to suspend its Mediterranean-Dead Sea project.

To be sure, complaints to the U.N. in the form of official documents circulated among the various organs could imply standing alone, "routine-management" of the problem. There is hardly a day that passes without a flood of complaints being ledged with various U.N. organs and circulated as official documents. Member states have now acquired an immune deficiency syndrome with regard to such complaints and documents. We therefore propose that more effective and forceful action commensurate with the gravity of the problem should be taken by Arab governments and the international community with a view to convey the fall ergency and seriousness of the latest Israelt engroachment on Arab sovereignty. We do not need to remind curselves that the Arab World has become numb with mere official complaints and

holds them in contempt when they are not coupled with actions. The first step in this direction would be to erase the impression that the problem of illegally tapping Arab water supplies by Israeli authorities will be "routinely" dealt with by Amman. Direct and argent contacts with the various capitals of the world with which we enjoy diplomatic relations could be launched to complement our complaint to the U.N. We can send strong and well-documented messages to the other countries with which we have no diplomatic representation. The list of possible actions is indeed long and we are confident that our government will in due course explore all avenues in order to stop the latest Israeli scheme.

Arabic press editorials

Al Ra i: France supports conference

FRENCH Foreign Minister Jean Bernard Raimond, who has just wound up a two-day official visit to Jordan has expressed hope that an international Middle East peace conference would be held in the near future. Mr. Raimond voiced his country's support of the idea of holding such a conference, saying that the European Community shared with his country this stand on holding the conference to solve the Middle East conflict. The French foreign minister stressed the need for the participation of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, in addition to the parties to the Middle East conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Although Mr. Raimond did not say it clearly, he alluded to the Israeli rejection of the conference as an obstacle in the face of the conference. He made it clear that the convening of the conference still is governed by the consent of the israeli government. With such a semi-complete unanimity on the part of the international community to convene the conference, will the Israeli government and the United States stands change or wid they be the same? And if not, is the new opportunit, currently available going to the missed?

Al Dustour: The real threat

IN an interview with the Austrian magazine Frout. His Majesty King Hussein stressed the importance of the role that the United States and the Soviet Union can play in the search for a penceful settlement to the Middle East question. Aing Hussein said that as long as the two superpowers are intotested in reaching an agreement over nuclear disarmament, they must have been interested in finding a solution to the Middle East question, which if continued without solution would as well endanger international peace and security. Accordingly, the two superpowers should support the idea of the international peace conference which has gained momentum and which got accepted by the whole world as a practical approach for addressing the Middle East conflict. Such a conference will serve as the right forum for reaching at a just, durable and comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem, thus relieving the whole international community from any future threats for international peace and security. However King Hussein did not conceal his dissetisfaction and the severe bitterness he felt, at the U.S. decision to stop arms sales to Jordan and has decided not to ask for any arms from the United States, which has so far failed to honour its declared commitments towards

Sawt Al Shuab: No just another complaint

AMIDST the Zionist plans to steal Arae waters and seize water resources in the occupied West Dank, the ear not but feel that the Israeli plan is not a difficult one to realise. Within this framework and given the bracii intransigence and rejection of all protests. Jordan have no alternative but to call for a Security Council session to tackle this issue, and to look into the present and future dangers and threats it poses to Arab attizens fiving under Israeli occupation. By noing so, Jordan did not mean to add a complaint to the so many complaints lodged at the Security Council, neither did it mean to have the Security Council denounce the Israelt practices, but Jordan meant to ask the international body to embark on an action and to intervene with all possible means to put an end to Israeli practices, which are eventually designed to evacuate the West Bank from its own people through depriving them of their means of livelihood and destroying their agricultural products. The United Nations Security Council is. therefore asked to take an action and not fail the West Bankers who could no longer stay silent over what is going on in their homeland. They cannot, stand against the Ismali arrogance and the robbery of their land and water resources under the eyes of the whole world

How to become U.S. president: Bash the Arabs

By Rex B. Wingerter

The writer is a Washington DC attorney and a writer on Middle East affairs. His article is reprinted from the London-based Middle East International.

THE 1988 U.S. elections are more than a year away but the first round of "Arab-bashing" has been heard already with calls from presidential candidates that PLO offices in New York and Washington DC be closed down. The legislation introduced by presidential aspirants Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) and Representative Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) maintains that closing down the offices would be part of the fight against terrorism. Dole entitled his Senate hill the "Anti-terrorist Act of 1987" while Kemp cloaked his House effort as the "Anti-PLO Terrorism Act of 1987."

But such posturing can not disguise the fact that Arabhashing wins politicians votes and important campaign contributions. A number of candidates using anti-Arah tactics were witnessed in the 1986 elections. Incumbent Senator Steve Symms (R-Idaho) was linked to internaional terrorism because be sought to sell Idaho wheat to Libya nine years earlier; a candidate running for the city council of Sacramento, California, was accused of supporting terrorism for speaking at a memorial service for victims of the 1982 massacre at Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. Similarly, the campaign of

government's position.

VALLETTA — The groundswell

of national reconciliation which

Malta's new prime minister, Mr.

Eddie Fenech Adami, hoped to

create following his recent elec-

toral victory has now disinte-

grated in the violence which has

raged through the streets of Val-

The disturbances bave put the

newly-elected Nationalist admi-

nistration in a quandary: Has the

opposition Labour Party of Mr.

Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici

proved that its writ holds even

after being voted out of power?

Or was this simply a protest rally

tire afternoon it appeared as

though the government, rather

than the police, had been

For Mr. Fenecb Adami, who

has now given responsibility for

the police force to army comman-

der Col. Jobn Spiteri, the test of

nistration, still in its first 100 days, had found his feet. As he

spoke of the grim day's events in

a nationwide televised address,

Mr. Fenech Adami left a linger-

ing impression that the govern-

ment lacked the physical strength

to defend itself from demonstra-

iors who had patently comman-

decred the streets of the island's

Within the Labour camp, too,

the feeling is one of embarrass-

ment rather than jubilation. In a

statement, the party blamed the

government's administrative

moves, including the transfer of

supporters from one government

department to another, for the

It was perhaps the relative calm

which followed the election which

made the sudden outhreak of

violence so shocking, but it has

served to point up the fact that

any party believing it can govern this bitterly divided island with-

out the consent of the other is

The point does not appear lost on the prime minister. "There

has been 100 much discrimination

in the past. We don't want to be

vindictive with the other party. I

myself have given a lead by not

seeking retribution, National uni-

ty remains an uppermost goal

with us but this is a psychological

burying its head in the sand.

capital city.

rising tension.

strength came before the admi- rality.

Whatever the case, for an en-

which got out of hand?

run by the PLO because ber campaign manager was an Arab-

The Dole and Kemp bills ought also to be seen within the same domestic pobtical framework. Both candidates are aligned with the conservative wing of the Republican Party and presently are competing for support for their presidential bids from that powerful political group. The anti-PLO bill will thus represent a way to show off their tough anti-terrorist credentials. Indeed, Kemp used the bill as an opportunity to criticise Secretary of State George Shultz's reluctance to move against the PLO offices. A few months earlier, Kemp ebcited right-wing support by calling for Shultz's resignation on the grounds that he was too soft on the Soviet Union.

Arab-bashing wins politicians votes and important campaign contributions.

A more pressing reason for the anti-PLO legislaton, bowever, is its potential value in winning campaign contributions from the American Jewish community. American Jewry collectively donates a significant portion of campaign contributions, particularly to the Democratic Party. Sociologist William Domhoff estimated in 1972 that Jewish contributions to non-Southern Democratic candidates ranged from 40 to 60 per cent of the a black woman running for Con-gress in Louisiana was said to be tures. Since 1984, Jewish cam-

The Labour Party, which has

yet to find its feet in the opposi-

tion after having governed for an uninterrupted 16 years, perhaps

read too deeply into Mr. Fenech

Adami's initiatives, particularly

the speed at which he laid down

his foreign and domestic policy

This raised suspicions that the

government was flirting with the

idea of making substantial shifts

from the policies, of neutrality.

Any moves which show the West

to be gaining an upper band or

the island's powerful Roman

Catholic church to be regaining

its dominant posture ring alarm

Since coming to power on May

12, Mr. Fenech Adami has de-

monstrated his intent to create

closer links for Malta with the

U.S. and Western Europe. A

quintessential European Christian

Democrat, be denies that this in

any way imperils Malta's neut-

"I'm not about to sign a de-

fence agreement with the U.S.

We're hanned by the constitution

from joining NATO and we're

not prepared to grant berthing facilities to naval fleets. At the

same time, I don't think much of

the treaty signed by the previous

government with the Soviet Un-

ion in 1981 either. I don't think it

He asserts his pro-American

policies are directed at wooing an

increased flow of U.S. invest-

ments and ship-repair work for

the island's drydocks. This, he

says, was impossible to achieve in

the climate which prevailed in

While Western Europe has been asked to guarantee Maita's

safety, the church finds the moves

from the government's direction

highly encouraging.
Privileges rescinded in past

years are being returned

wholesale. State claims over

seized church properties were

ahandoned by the prime minister.

a lawyer by profession, in a blaze

of media coverage. "I am not

about to set up a confessional government if that is what you

mean." answers Mr. Fenech

Adami when asked whether the

church is influencing his deci-

sions. The church will be allowed

past years.

process that takes time," he said harassment, but it will also be only days before the violent expected to step up its social

amounts to much," be insists.

bells with the Labour Party.

Mood of violence gives way

to shame in Malta

After violent street disturbances, Malta plans to put its political,

economic and social houses in order. Godfrey Grima assesses the new

markers.

paign contributions have been formalised in pro-Israel political action committees (PAC's). In the 1986 elections pro-Israel PACs contributed to Democratic candidates over Republican ones by more than a two-to-one margin: \$2.3 million went to Democrats, just over \$1 million to Republicans. Dole received at least \$9,000; Kemp at least \$4,000 Their anti-PLO bills certainly would make them more attractive to pro-Israel PACs and individual Jewish contributors, despite their very conservative

voting records on domestic

Co-sponsoring Dole's bills were four well-known pro-Israel senators: Charles Grassley (R-lowa), who received \$16,500 from pro-Israel PACs in 1986; Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minnesota), former chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee's Middle East subcommittee, who got over \$95,000 in 1984; Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey), also on the Senate foreign relations commit-tee's Middle East subcommittee, who received \$28,000 in 1982 and another \$7,000 in 1986; and Howar Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), who accepted \$35,000 from pro-Israel PACs for his 1982 compaign and another \$1,000 in 1986 for his 1988 race. A week after the introduction of Dole's hill, about 30 more senators signed on as co-

Another sign of how the candidates may be seeking to ingratiate themselves with the pro-Israel forces are allegations that the legal counsel of the American Jewish Congres drafted Kemp's hill. The

will still be obliged to provide free education to 18,000 students.

He also discredits suggestions that his government could find

itself playing a subservient role to

governments in Europe or the

U.S. "Our independence is some-

thing which will be safeguarded by all our policies.

"The thrust of our foreign poli-cy," asserts Mr. Fenech Adami, "is credibility. 1 don't want the

island to play an international

role disproportionate to its size. I

don't want to lose friends. I want

to make new ones." This position was spelt out clearly, be says, to a

visiting Libyan government de-

legation recently.

A more pressing issue for Mr.
Fenech Adami is the island's slug-

gish economy, for years dogged

hy stagnant export receipts and

ballooning unemployment, repu-

ted to have overshot the 18 per

He labours under no illusion

that EEC entry will solve these

problems. "Negotiating the right

conditions is going to take time and as yet we don't have a scbe-

Neither does the prime minis-

ter have much time for industrial-

ists clamouring for a currency

devaluation to spur the export of

semi manufactured goods, cur-

rently standing at £M180 million

(\$162.6 million) a year. A devaluation of the Maltese pound

would worsen Malta's imports

hill, now standing at £M347 mil-

lion, and would induce trade un-

ions to file hefty cost of living rise

tinue to subsidise the exchange

rate for foreign tour operators

and certain exporters where we

have actually had a devaluation

of 25 per cent." British tour

operators have boistered Malta's

tourist receipts to a quarter of the

island's total foreign exchange

earnings and the universal hope is

that no fresh outhursis of vio-

lence will dash Malta's hope of

attracting 1 million holidaymak-

Before too long, the new gov-ernment must come up with its

own economic policies on how to

It is a sign of the times that,

inside the ornate 16th-century

Auberge de Castille, which is the

government's headquarters. Mr.

Fenech Adami has given up his

sumptuous office for a small near-

need for privacy. It is here that

political, economic and social

house in order will be planned -

hy room which satisfies better his

drive the economy forward.

ers a year by 1989.

"Very prohably we shall con-

dule for filing an application."

cent mark

claims.

offices of both senators demied this charge but Dole's office admitted that the bill was "run by" the AJC and AIPAC. Both candidates also denied that their bills were intended to rally pro-Israel PAC money to their cam-

The two bills cast a wide net over Palestinian activists. The legislation would make it illegal for anyone to aid or abet the PLO, to receive funds from it or to provide services for it. Moreover, the law would include any PLO constituent group or agent or successor group. The Kemp bill makes violation of the law a criminal act with a penalty of a fine and/or a five-year jail

Hassan Abdul Rahman, the director of the Palestine Information Office in Washington DC. contends that the hills are a "declaration of war against the Palestinian people." He asserts that the legislation not only de-nies the legitimacy of the Palestimans' struggle in the occupied West Bank and Gaza but casts all Palestinians in the PLO as terrorists. Abdul Rahman also sees the hills as an attempt by Likudorientated pro-Israel groups in the U.S. to preempt by law any PLO-Israel-U.S. dialogue that may emerge from talks about the peace process. He points out that the Dole-Kemp hills would parallel new laws in Israel that prohihit Israeli citizens from contacting official PLO representatives. But the U.S. anti-PLO laws are even more restrictive than the ones enacted in Israel," he

operating in the U.S."

Outlawing the Palestinian offices would pose vexing legal problems. The PLO's New York office is in fact part of the United Nations and governed by agreements between that international organisation and the U.S. Closing that office could constitute a breach of those agreements. The office in Washington DC, establisbed in 1978 during the Carter administration, is registered with the U.S. Justice Department as a foreign agent. Justice Department spokespeople bave stated that the office has not acted illegally. Likewise, State Department spokespeople have con-ceded that the office has abided by U.S. laws.

American Jewry collectively donates a significant portion of campaign contributions.

The closure of the offices would also raise some serious free speecb, First Amendment issues. All of the employees in the Washington office are either legal residents or American citizens. Shutting down that office for political reasons would deprive them of their right to free speech and association.

Fears that closing down the PLO offices could abridge the

cent that is permitted to operate in Gaza would be prohibited from liberal American Civil Liberties Union has criticised the proposed legislation. A Washington Post editorial blasted the bills, claiming that politically oriented speech its not and cannot and should not be made a crime," and urged the bills' defeat. Likewise. the New York Times wrote that the legislation would impinge upon free speech. In the mid-West, the Minneapolis Tribune charged the bills were "irrational", "misguided" and indicative of the U.S. government's "ostrich stance" in dealing with the PLO and the Middle East conflict. Confronted with these free

speech issues, it is uncertain wbether an anti-PLO bill would be passed by Congress. A spokesperson from Dole's office conceded that First Amendment concerns may kill the hill. Moreover, the Justice and State Departments have been reluctant to support the legislation. This suggests that the bills' future is contingent on the extent to which AIPAC is willing to fight for them. But according to a Jewish organisation source closely con-nected with the proposed legisla-tion, AIPAC is serious about closing the PLO offices but has not made it a priority issue. High-er on AIPAC's legislative agenda is stopping arms sales to the Arah states. The PLO offices may not be closed down during this congressional term," admitted one Jewish organisation source, "but it is an extremely important issue for us and one that we will continue to work on until either the

First Amendment rights of other Congress or the executive branch American political organisations claims. "The Palestine Red Cres- bas galvanised some opposition shuts down the offices."

Rise in Islamic extremism troubles Turkish government

By Rnbert Burns The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey - Islamic fundamentalism is on the rise in Turkey, quietly and steadily gaining a following that some officials and analysts say could undermine the nation's delicately balanced

democracy. The trend toward more radical religious views in this predominantly Muslim nation has been building for several years, fed in part by the 1979 Iraman revolution led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

In the past year or so, however, the fundamentalist movement appears to bave gained momentum, particularly in Turkey's ma-

"It's very serious," said Gencay Shaylan, a former university professor who was jailed for his association with an anti-nuclear group when the military seized power in 1980. Freed in 1983, he recently completed a book on the influence of Islamic extremism in

his country. "For the time being I can't see any political movement or institution that can prevent Islamic fun-damentalism from eventually taking over the country." Shaylan said in a recent interview in Ankara.

The chief concern is that extremists, hy advocating Islamic revival, could create enough social discontent and political instahility to block the nation's move toward a full Western-style democracy.

Last January, President Kenaan Evren declared that Islamic fundamentalism had grown to match Communism as the greatest threat to Turkey. Since then, however, government officials have played down the danger.

Adnan Kahveci, chief adviser to Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, said in a recent interview that the fundamentalists' influence had been exaggerated by the news

freedom now to voice their opinions," he said. "In Turkey people are religious, but they're not

Privately, many officials and foreign diplomats say that the fundamentalists, influenced by Iran, are making inroads in a society that turned away from Islamic law in 1923 to build a republic based on the separation

"It's just that they have more

fanatics.

of religion and state.

to favour the secular system. however, with Islamic extremists believed to be a tiny fraction of the 52 million people. Tehran's influence is believed limited by the fact most Turkish Muslims are from the Sunni sect, while the Iranians are Shi'ites.

The country is still struggling to fulfill its democratic ambitions, which have been set back hy three military coups since 1960. The military justified its most recent takeover, in 1980, partly on grounds that Islamic extremists had gained too much influ-

The National Salvation Party, which advocated returning to Islamic law, was outlawed after the 1980 coup.

Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, is strongly accented by Islam. The traditional call to morning prayer sweeps across the city at dawn. sending thousands of the devout to domed mosques that dominate ernment spokesman. the skyline. A visitor can see evidence of

the extremists' influence.

— In Istanbul, a young man standing in a courtyard of the ancient Blue Mosque sells cassette tapes of lectures by Fethuliah Gulen, a Turkish leader of the fundamentalist movement. Both Gulen and tapes or texts of his

lectures are hanned in Turkey. - In the dusty city of Erzurum in eastern Turkey, bookstores give prominent display to publications about Khomeini and his Islamic revivalist teachings.

- In a conservative neighbourhood in Ankara, the capital, illegal pamphlets of extremist interpretations of Islamic traditions are offered to the public. Nearby, the local imam leads a noon prayer session spiced with calls for a return to strict Islamic ways.

- In Istanhul, Ankara and smaller cities, some women defy Turkish law hy wearing a peche, or veil that partially covers their faces, which most Turks regard as an ideological symbol of the fundamentalist movement.

The government and the military, which wields an extraordinary amount of influence in Turkey, have made halting movs to block the extremists.

Last January, the government forbade women at the nation's 27 universities from covering their hair in public, as traditional Islam recommends. After a series of student protests against the han, the government quietly dropped

Also in January, Evren, the A large majority of Turks seem Turkish president, announced

had infiltrated the nation's military academies and would be thrown out. One source of Turkey's con-

cern about fundamentalism is the revolutionary government of Iran, which has sought to export its Islamic revivalist ideas. On an official visit to Ankara in

mid-June, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi drew a storm of criticism from opposition politicians and news media by refusing to visit the mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, the man who changed Turkey into a secular state in the

In a sign that at least a portion of Turkey's fundamentalists feel an ideological link to the Iranians, several extremists were arrested during Musavi's visit for defacing Ataturk busts in different parts of the country, according to Hasan Aziz Utkan, a gov-

One government official, who briefed a visiting group of foreign reporters on grounds that he not be identified, said the government is concerned about possible Iranian influences on Turkey's

He noted that while there were no exact figures. "there are now huge numbers of Iranians" hving in Turkey.

The government is wary of openly discussing the fundamentalism issue with foreigners, apparently out of fear that publicity would hurt Turkey's efforts to gain full acceptance in the Western camp.

Turkey is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and wants to strengthen its ties to Western Europe by joining the European Economic Community, or Common Market. The government formally applied for EEC membership in April despite opposition from several members, including Denmark and The Netherlands. They contend Turkey does not qualify because it is not yet a fully democranc nation. Since returning to civilian rule

in 1983, Turkey has gradually lifted martial law, except in four provinces where the military is fighting Kurdish guerrillas. About 100 politicians, including former premiers Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit, are hanned from politics. Some political parties are hanned until 1989. although a national referendum is scheduled for September this year on whether the bans should be lifted earlier.

New book gives insider's view of Rainbow Warrior attack

to fulfil its mission without state the strategy for putting Malta's

By John Morrison

Reute:

PARIS — The French DGSE sceret service, plunged into disgrace by the bungled sinking of the Rainbow Warrior in New Zealand two years ago, originally planned to olow up the Greenpeace protest ship in Amsterdam harbour, according to a new book to be published next week.

"Mission Oxvgen", written under a pseudonym, claims to be the first inside story of the attack in Auckland harhour on July 10, 1985, in which a Greenpeace photographer was killed.

France finally admitted responsisentenced to 10 years jail in New intact. Zealand for their part in the operation, then freed under a compromise negotiated by the United Nations.

The book's author, who uses DGSE's underwater combat the name Patrick du Morue Vert, school in Corsica, France killed describes himself as a former DGSE officer who was instructed to prepare a top-secret report on the affair for Prime Minister Lau-

rent Fahius. His book is a "frogman's eye view" of the operation, written to bour was set up at sbort notice rehabilitate the reputation of the DGSE's "service action", which

More than two months later took the blame for the fiasco while the politicians who gave the hility. Two DGSE officers were orders escaped with their careers

> "This book is not the fruit of revenge, but a bealtby search for the truth," the author says, adding that by closing down the school in Corsica, France killed off one of its elite military units. "In five weeks of masquerade, France destroyed a shock weapon

created over 20 years," he says. The book's major revelation is that the attack in Auckland harafter an earlier plan to sink the

fell through when the vessel put to sea.

It describes a reconnaissance mission to the Dutch port in April 1985 by two DGSE agents to spy out ways of sinking the ship before it left for the Pacific to protest against French nuclear

But on the third day of their mission, they saw the ship head out for the open sea.

The book, clearly based on extensive debriefing of those who carried out the operation, confirms earlier reports, never officially acknowledged, that the actual bombing was carried out by a third two-man team of

frogmen. Written in the style of a spy thriller, the book gives a highly coloured first-person account of bow the two men, who flew to New Zealand using the false names Alain Tonel and Jacques Camurier, placed two bombs under the ship's keel.

After the bombing they stayed on two weeks longer in New Zealand, lying low some of the time in a youth hostel in the resort of Mount Hunt. They flew out to Tahiti on July 26 from Auckland airport without being stopped by New Zealand police. The book says Defence Minis-

ter Charles Herou sent the order

Lacoste on March 4, 1985. It depicts Hernu as saying

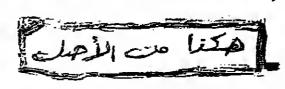
"Rainbow Warrior" while silently pointing his thumb to the ground, as if to disguise his intentions from hidden micropbones.

to sink the Rainbow Warrior to

DGSE chief Admiral Pierre

Hernu was forced to resign in September 1985, when France admitted responsibility, but bas always denied that he ordered the ship to be sunk. He bas continued his political career as a Socialist member of parliament.

Lacoste, dismissed at the same time as Hernu, has been given a new job as head of a Defence Studies Institute.



Royal Jordanian refurbishes image, goes private this year

to-three years to be phased in

completely, as at least six and

perhaps up to 12 Airbus A310

and A320 aircraft join RPs Lock-heed Tristars and Boeing 747s,

with the Boeing 707s and 727s

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ground to learn about the air-

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Dessengers.

ers at Queen Alia International

By Rami G. Khouri economic and security disruptions. But Royal Jordanian's bid Special to the Jordan Times

THE 23-year-old state-owned Jordanian air carrier started this year with a new name - Royal Jordanian, replacing Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline — along with a siecker new livery and corporate image, developed by Landor, the American corporate design specialists.

Landor also developed British Airways' new corporate identity and livery several years ago, and the discerning observer will note some subtle underlying similarities in the new design look of the two companies: A prominent royal crown on the aircraft tail, strong horizontal lines, and conservative, almost banker-like colours that should be associated in the public's mind with seriousness and efficiency.

The British Airways parallel is one that Royal Jordanian would certainly not mind seeing carried through far beyond the graphic design sphere — for during the past several years, British Airways simultaneously has become a private sector company, significantly increased profits, repositioned itself among the handful of standard-setting global airlines, and firmly established its reputation for quality service and reliability among demanding busi-

With its new look, Royal Jordanian has served notice that it seeks to carve out for itself a new niche in the international aviation market. It has signalled its intent to emerge from the pack of Third World airlines and, as a more efficient privately-owned company, to compete aggressively for international husiness and tourist travellers.

This may appear to be audacious and over-ambitious for the carrier of a small country at the beart of a notoriously turbulent region, where hasiness and touristic travel are highly susceptible to short term political,

to move into the league of respected and reliable international airlines catering to the tough demands of the business traveller is very much in keeping with its history of countering its inherent constraints by innovation and aggressive expansion.

To make the corporate restructuring complete, the airline this year is also planning to launch the first stage of its privatisation drive, by which it will sell a majority of its shares to private sector investors in Jordan, the Arab World and abroad. The privatisation move will include a deal whereby RJ will sell its

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Since its establishment with a single airplane in 1964 by an enterprising Lebanese engineer named Ali Ghandour, upon the

directives of the aviation-minded King Hussein, Royal Jordanian has grown on the basis of faredriven market stimulation, niche exploitation, and Jordan's pivotal location as a strategically located Middle Eastern hub for business and tourist travellers.

It started this year with a relatively young fleet of 19 aircraft (Boeing 707s, 727s, and 747s, Lockheed L-1011 Tristars and Airbus A-310s), serving 42 foreign destinations. Last year it carned 1.131 million passengers, down from 1.29 million in 1985, due to a dip in tourist and business travel in the Middle East. Its average load factor dropped last year from 57.7 per cent to 51.7 per cent. Cargo carried increased slightly from 40,620 tons to 42.573 tons.

Mr. Ghandour, still chairman and chief executive officer, noted in a recent interview with the Jordan Times that the airline's livery and name change were designed to reflect a deeper change in its business strategy and in the market niche it seeks to consolidate - as a high quality, service-oriented carrier catering to the needs of the business traveller flying to, or through, the Middle East.

"We've always sold our geography," he said, referring to RI's penchant to combine competitive pricing with convenient, one-stop connections at Amman's modern and very efficient Queen Alia International Airport. It has used this double appeal to carry passengers from North America and Europe via Jordan to other points in the Middle East, the Gulf or southcast Asia.

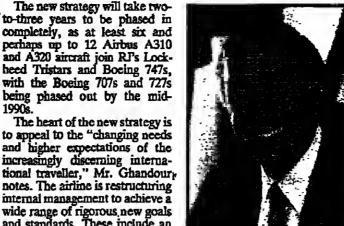
Royal Jordanian will continue to implement a two-pronged strategy of wooing the demanding business traveller with better service and convenient connections, while filling up the back of the plane with tourists, students and transit passengers attracted primarily by price appeal.

flight kitchen. We'll need about two years to complete the personnel training, and to instill the new corporate culture and identity throughout our entire staff," Mr. Ghandoor said, recognising that one of the airline's weaknesses in the past bad been the inconsistent quality of its staff. "We're not just changing col-

ours, we're implementing a whole new strategy and image hased on quality service, and we have to teach our people how to do it through a long-term, continuous training and re-training program-me," he said. "It will take us almost two years to repaint all our planes in the new colours and redo the interiors. It should take about two to three years for the new corporate identity to spread throughout the entire airline."

Airline industry observers in Amman are watching Royal Jordanian carefully to see if its performance can match its promise. Frequent air travellers in Jordan are mindful that during its brisk growth era in the late 1970s and early 1980s, RJ's ground and on-board service standards were highly erratic, swinging widely between excellent and mediocre. This clearly reflected the absence of a corporate culture that permeated all staff members, due to insufficient management depth, fluctuating quality controls, the inherent hazards of brisk growth, and the need to recruit many foreign cabin crew and integrate

them with Jordanian staff. Not only was the airline itself expanding rapidly during the past decade, but it also spawned a the east.



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sought with experience in related series of wholly- or partly-owned subsidiaries, now under the umhrella of the parent holding company which will continue to be named Alia, the Royal Jordaserve at least two months on the man Airline. These now include a travel agency, an airport hotel, the Amman duty-free shops, an airport, at sales offices and in the aviation training centre with simulators, an aircraft maintenance facility, an air cargo company, an air taxi charter service, an air acrobatics team, a bontique, minority holdings in several hotels and land transport companies, an airline consultancy firm, and a 20 per cent stake in

Sierra Leone Airline. Many of the company's subsidiaries, such as Arab Wings and Arah Air Cargo, were conceived as pan-Arab companies jointly owned by other Arab interests, but in most cases have remained bilateral projects with only one other Arab country. A promising new venture launched earlier this year is the joint arrangement by which RJ wet-leases a Tristar aircraft with crew and maintenance backup to Sndan Airways to operate on the lucrative Khariro-London ronte, with the two companies sharing the profits.

Under the corporate reorganisation plan now underway, the holding company Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline will own the airline and all the subsidiaries, while the airline itself will be spun off and privatised under the new name of Royal Jordanian.

After sustained growth that averaged over 22 per cent a year during the past decade, with only three unprofitable years in the past 14, expansion will be minimised during the next two years in favour of consolidating RJ's existing network. Only Montreal, Delhi and Calcutta will be added this year to a network which stretches from Los Angeles and Chicago in the west to Singapore, Bangkok and Kuala Lampur in

1.8 million in 1985 (thanks largely to the sale of two planes), on a total of 1.131 million passengers carried and 42,573 tons of cargo. Its 1986 accounts, due this month, will show it just about breaking even or making a slight

While Royal Jordanian's fleet and business plan are being revamped, so will its balance sheet and equity structure. Now totally government-owned, Royal Jordanian plans to sell its shares gradually to private investors over the next several years. To strengthen its capital hase (it has assets of over \$680 million but a high debt to capital ratio of over 8:1), RJ will soon agree with one of several companies it is negotiating with to sell and then lease back its eight Lockheed Tristars and three Boeing 727s (though not, for the moment, its two Boeing 747 Jumbo Jets). This will wipe out its \$300

million of outstanding debt and give it a comfortable cushion of working capital for at least two years; selling and leasing-back its planes will significantly ease cash-flow pressures, as annual leasing payments of \$50-55 million will be less than half the \$120 million it now pays annually in loan interest, principal and hank

A U.S. AID-financed preliminary feasibility study of its privatisation prospects concluded earlier this year that the airline is "a prime candidate" to go private. By the end of this year, it plans to sell 30 per cent of its shares to the Jordanian public and 10 per cent to its employees, probably with a 7 per cent guaranteed annual dividend for a certain number of years. Next year, another 20-30 per cent of the shares will be sold to Jordamian and other Arab investors, with the government expected to maintain 10-15 per cent and the halance being offered to international investors.

Spurred by intense competition from the 22 international carriers that fly into Amman, including most quality European airlines. RJ is expected to continue developing the several market niches that have served it well; a hub-and-spoke network offering businessmen and vacationers convenient connections to most Middle Eastern capitals and destinations in North America, East and West Europe and Asia. It will also keep attacting ethnic Arah traffic abroad, expatriate Jordanians and Palestinians, and foreign tourists seeking Holy Land destinations east or west of the Jordan River.

Global airline industry deregulation and its own privatisation mean RJ must become a leaner and more efficient carrier if it ve up to i rate image and its self-styled husi-ness goals. Greater efficiency and marketing sophistication are also seen to be vital to offset the constraints of a small home market, a relatively overstaffed workforce and high costs resulting from a widespread route system with limited frequencies, and its own small size compared to its

international competitors. In an increasingly competitive global environment, which will become even more liberalised in the wake of current steps by the European Community to loosen air industry regulations, prod competition and lower prices for consumers, Royal Jordanian will have to show that it can achieve its new goals in service standards while holding down costs and increasing staff efficiency and productivity.



Initial surgery to save Nefertari's tomb successful

By Jeffrey Bartholet

VALLEY OF THE QUEENS, Egypt — The sky is collapsing, hut scientists at the tomb of Queen Nefertari on the west Bank of the Nile have stopped the stars from falling.

Five-pointed yellow stars in a hlue-and-black sky are one of the painted scenes in the critically damaged tomh of the queen, favoured wife of Pharaoh Ramses the Great.

An international team of scientists, archaeologists, Egyptologists and restorers assembled by the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation (EAO) and the Getty Conservation Institute (GCI) of Los Angeles, has temporarily saved the 3,200-year-old murals.

"In the world of historical conservation, the tomh of Nefertari rock. is right there with the Sistine Chapel," said project coordinator Miguel Angel Corzo.

Restorers led by Paolo Mora, former chief conservator of the Instituto Centrale del Restauro in Rome, painstakingly glued about 10,000 bandages to the huckling walls and ceiling of the touch to ensure they stay in place until further work can be done.

Extensive research, including satellite photographs, was conducted by the team to prepare for a multi-phased restoration programme they hope will start in October.

EAO chairman Ahmed Kadry old reporters last weekend that "Nefertari is on its way to being salvaged after 40 years of worry ... after 40 years of unchecked

deterioration. The tomh, discovered in 1904 but closed to the public since World War II, is one of the most exquisite in the Nile valley. It was the final resting place for one of the queens of Pharaoh Ramses II, also known as Ramses the Great.

Nefertari was the favoured wife of a living god who had at least 13 queens and a plentiful harem. Together, the women bore Ramses II more than 100 chil-

A visitor to the seven chambers of her tomb is overwhelmed by the rich colours of the murals. Fingerprints of the painters are

still visible in places. Paintings covering 483 square

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metres include depictions of the queen making offerings to the gods in the form of a hawk, jackal, scarab beetle, cow and other guises.

The tomb, about 10 metres deep, is located in a valley scoured by hot winds opposite

Luxor. It is difficult to understand how, in such an environment, the tomb was ravaged by moisture which activated salt crystals in the

Egyptian and foreign experts now believe water used to plaster the tomh created the crystals and bubbles of salt that have blistered the paint. In the next phase of the pro-

ject, restorers using surgical gloves, gauze and syringes loaded with adhesive plan to remove the 'salt and glue the plaster to the

But first, the EAO must give permission to proceed beyond the emergency consolidation" just completed. The first phase cost the GCI, an arm of the J. Paul Getty Trust, more than \$200,000. Participants in the project say

the stakes are dangerously high in a restoration job that is so complex, and in a tomh so important. This is when hands start to shake," said Gaballa Ali Gaballa. an Egyptologist and strong sup-

porter of the scheme. A decision on how to proceed will depend on results of current research and tests made by Mora

and his team in the tomh. The work of previous, wellintentioned restorers of the past century has damaged the tomh. and is a reminder that mistakes can be made.

If the restoration proceeds well, the chambers could be open to limited numbers of tourists

within two years, Kadry said. While the tomh is not the most important monument of ancient Egypt, it may be the one that inspires the strongest emotions among Egyptians.

"When you ask an Arab woman, what child is closest to your heart?' she will say 'the young until he grows old, the absent until he comes home and the sick until he is healthy," Gaballa said.

He added: "(Nefertari) is sick and so she is closest to our

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emerge from the pack of Third World A legal gale blows in the Windy City

In Chicago, they don't do things by halves — including issuing writs and sueing. David Owen reports on a controversy close to the heart of the Windy City.

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served notice that it seeks to carve out for

itself a new niche in the international avia-

tion market. It has signalled its intent to

CHICAGO — "In Chicago, we take our architecture seriously" according to Mr. Walter Netch, one-time eminence grise of Skid-more, Owings and Merrill, the huge architects' firm and designer of the controversial U.S. Air Force Academy chapel in Colora-

do Springs.
With good reason. The civic honours list includes such luminaries as Louis Sullivan, father of the skyscraper, Daniel 'make-nolittle-plans' Burnham, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Frank Lloyd Wright, most celebrated member of the so-called Prairie School and designer in 1956 of what would have been the world's first one-mile-high building, complete with atomic-powered eleva-

Even without Lloyd Wright's projected leviathan, which perhaps thankfully never progressed beyond the drawing board. the city's peerless 20th-century architectural heritage allows Chicago tourist guides positively to rallow in superlatives.

in addition to the Sears Tower at 1,454 feet, stil the Mount Everest of manmade structures - the Windy City can, and frequently does, boasts the world's

tallest marble-clad building, the world's tallest masonry-supported huilding, the world's largest building entirely occupied by a bank, the world's largest fountain and the world's largest indoor sait-water fish tank.

In Chicago, even the prison the Campbell Court House annexe metropolitan correctional centre, as it is more properly titled — is an architectural piece de resistance. A parking garage on Lake Street parodies the front view of a Rolls-Royce.

In such circumstances, the best known contemporary architects are unequivocally star material. Their names frequently embellish the city's most exclusive guest lists and its less-read gossip columns. The more so since, as Mr. Netch confides: "The architectural profession is probably as hostile to one another behind backs as any group I am aware of."

No name is a bigger draw than that of Mr. Helmut Jahn, an athletic 47-year-old native of West Germany, whose distinctive work is increasingly in evidence throughout the city, from the intriguing O'Hare airport underground station to the airy Chicago Board of Trade annexe.

All of which makes the controversy surrounding Mr. Jahn's futuristic \$173 million State of Illinois Centre a very big story in

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Illinois Governor Mr. James 'Big Jim' Thompson is arguably its biggest fan — Mr. Jahn's design certainly scores full marks for originality. Fronted by the whimsical "monument with standing beast" by French sculptor Jean Dubuffet, the cavernous 17storey building perches on Randolph Street within a stone's throw of the Chicago Greyhound bus depot, looking for all the world like a stray spaceship.

Unfortunately, as the 3,000 employees staffing the 50 or so state agencies located in the huilding have discovered to their discomfort, the air-conditioning and heating systems leave a great deal to be desired.

This has finally resulted in writs, with Illinois attorneygeneral, Mr. Neil Hartigan. sueing 13 companies, including Murphy Jahn Associates - in which Mr. Jahn is partner - for a

total of \$20 million. In the summer of 1985, according to the lawsuit, temperatures. in the building, which were supposed to be kept no higher than 78 degrees F by a process incorporating giant refrigeration units,

designed to produce 800,000 lb of ice nightly, occasionally topped 110 degrees. Last summer, despite repairs, temperatures again exceeded 100 degrees. In the intervening winter, meanwhile, employees were driven to supply their own heaters and gloves to fight the cold.

Now, in a bid to escape blame and liability for the problems, Murphy Jahn is sueing its partner in the design of the building, Lester B Knight and Associates. The suit contends that Knight and Associates acknowledged that it was "solely responsible" for designing the centre's air-conditioning and heating and should therefore pay any damages resulting from Mr. Hartigan's action.

Irksome as the prospect of impending court action may be, Mr. Jahn and the Murphy Jahn companay are not exactly letting the grass grow under their feet in the

The firm is at work on a staggering list of projects around the world, including the One Liberty Place skyscraper in Philadelphia, a towering convention centre in Frankfurt which is destined to be Enrope's tallest building, an office/recreation complex in Johanneshurg and a daunting clutch of towers and office buildings in New York - Financial Times Feature.

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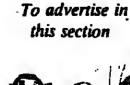
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Italian cyclist dominates Tour de France 7th leg

Switzerland's Maechler keeps the overall lead

TROYES, France (AP) — Italian Guido Bontempi sprinted home Tuesday to win the seventh stage of the Tour de France in a time of five hours, eight minutes. 17 seconds, while Switzerland's Erich Maecaler kept the overall lead.

The pack of cyclists finished the 211-kilometre stage from Regis Clerc made a long solitary Epinal to Troves together, leaving the overall classifications breakaway but was caught by the pack after 172 kilometres. practically unchanged.

74th Tour de France, Bontempi of the Carrera Team outpaced Spaniard Manuel-Jorge Dominguez, who placed second, and Durchman Jenn-Paul van Poppel, who was third.

Earlier in the stage, France's

Just five kilometres from the In the first sorint finish of this end. Stephen Roche of Ireland attacked with three other riders. They still had a lead of 200 metres with two kilometres left to go, hut were swallowed up by the main group in the final sprint for the finish line.

Erich Maechler of Carrera, who won Milan-San Remo race earlier in the year, retained the yellow jersey, thirty six seconds ahead of Frenchman Chistophe Lavainne, who won Monday's stage from Strasbourg to Epinal. Tour favourite Stephen Roche,

also of the Carrera Team, remains five minutes, 41 seconds behind American Andy Hampsten, who won the Tour of Switzerland, is seven minutes, 22 seconds off the pace.

Wednesday's stage hetween Troyes and Epinay-Sous-Senart. is also flat, leaving little room for major changes in the standings. The first vital stage comes Fri-

day in an 87-kilometre time trial.

Largest ever University Games kick off today

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — With more than 7,000 athletes from 127 countries, the largest summer world University Games ever will officially start Wednesday with opening ceremonies at

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Although competition has been held in some preliminary soccer and fencing events, a full sche-dule begins Thursday with gymnastics and haskethall heading

the sports that day.
On Monday, the first medals were won hy three Hungarians in fencing events. The gold medal in the individual foil event of men's fencing went to Zsolt Ersek. Istvan Szelei and Pal Szekeres took the bronze and silver medals respectively.

Twelve different sports are being contested over the twoweek festival, which features such world sports powers as the Soviet Union and the United States as well as teams from the tiny countries of Papua, New Guinea and

The games are in a series of multi-sport festivals which lead up to the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, The other

competitions include the Pan-Pacific and Pan-American Games this summer. The men and women competing

in the University Games in Zagreb. Yugoslevia's second-largest city, are student athletes rather than top international stars.

However, a number of future stars could have their start here. In the last University Games in Kobe, Japan. in 1985, Igor Paklin of the Soviet Union set a world high jump record which was just recently bettered.

The athlete who took the record away from Paklin was Sweden's Patrick Sjoberg, who cleared 2.42 metres (7-feet, 11inches) in Stockholm last week,

Paklin, scheduled to he on the Soviet roster here, is ready to regain his title as the best in the world, Soviet team spokesman Mikhail Valdimirov told reporters Monday,

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Algerian athletes make impressive start at home

ALGIERS (R) — Hosts Algeria made a flying start on the first day of the fifth Arab Athletics Championships, reeling off seven med-als in the six finals contested Monday night.

But it was Kuwait's Ghanim Gohar who provided the evening's major upset when he pipped Algeria's Ahmad Mahour Pasha for a gold in the men's javelin with a last-gasp effort that narrowly accounted for the classy Algerian.
There was some compensation,

however of Mahour Pasha's surprise defeat when his compatriot Isha Dahmous re-wrote the script for the women's discuss which should have provided a happy ending for Morocco's Zobeida Laaiouni, two-time African champion.

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Dahmous, avenging a two-year defeat by Laaiouni in the African championships, was all smiles af-ter her triumph and went into seemingly endless huddles with teamates after medal ceremony.

In the men's shot put, interrupted mid way through due to rain. Egypt's Mohammad Ashoush and Ahmad Shatta made it one-two for their country but with modest best efforts of 17.99 and 17.79 metres respec-

Kuwait's Mohammad Zinkawi finished third to take the Gulf state's medal haul to two on the

In the men's 10,000 metres. Algeria's Galal Miloud stayed Dahmous convincingly beat the with the pack until half way veteran Moroccan with a throw through the race when he led with with the pack until half way

of 51.20 metres and a third north Tunisia's Abdulrazzak Al-Abtari. Miloud parted company with the Tunisian after they took the bell and surged ahead, opening a yawning gap he maintained until he crossed the line in 30.37:12

> In a women's 400 metres-final, Morocco's Olympic gold medal-list Nawal Al-Moutawakil had no trouble reducing the rest of the field to also-rans to clock 55.98 seconds, nearly two seconds ahead of Algeria's Hassiba Hilolou who came in second.

The 400 metres hurdles specialist has clearly in a class of her own. She looked twice over her shoulders in the final straight and crossed the finish line virtually

Iraq's Donia Saadonn won the other 400 metres semi-final in a slow time of 57.50 seconds.

India-Israel tennis tie said to signal new era

Cup tennis tie between India and Israel this month signals an Indian attempt to separate politics from sport, but it has raised fears in Arab countries of a shift in foreign policy, Indian diplomats

Arab countries have already protested against the tie which will take place at the Dita Tennis Complex here for three days from July 24.

Maharaj Kumar Rasgotra, India's former foreigo secretary, told Reuters the decision to play the tie was a bid by the govern-

India pulled out of the 1974 Davis Cup final rather than play South Africa and last year joined a 32-nation boycott of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh to protest against Britain's resistance to economic sanctions against South Africa.

Although India barred Israel from taking part in the world table tennis championships in New Delhi earlier this year, the Davis Cup tie now looks certain to go ahead.

"It is a good thing to keep ment to take Indian politics out of politics out of sport and that is the sporting arena, except where what has happened in this tennis ties with South Africa were con- match," Rasgotra said.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Schoolgirls to make soccer history

WEMBLEY, England (AP) - A team of American schoolgarls will make soccer history next week when Wembley Stadium stages its first all-girl match after 64 years of male domination. The Cincinatti Cardinals under-14 team meets English side Millwall Lionesses July 16 to kick off the fourth annual London International Football (soccer) Festival, organisers said Tuesday. Wembley, which staged the 1966 World Cup final and hosts the national team's games as well as the annual English F.A. (Football Association) Cup final is known as the home of English soccer. Only women's field hockey teams have been allowed to break the male monopoly since the stadium was built in 1923. Some 2,000 young players are due to take part in the festival, including teams from California. Washington State and Oklahoma, Denmark, Sweden, Taiwan and Portugal.

3rd English club bans away fans

TORQUAY, England (AP) - Fourth Division Torquay United Tuesday became the third English soccer club to ban away supporters from its ground, and also injutated a code of conduct for its players. In line with First Division Luton Town and Colchester United, which was promoted to division three last term, Torquay has imposed the ban in a bid to combat crowd violence. But the club from this south English coastal resort also has pledged to fine players who misbehave on the field. "Obscene language by the players will not be tolerated. clnb secretary David Turner said. "With youngsters in the crowd, we are keen that players don't set a bad example. We are seeking to make soccer a family sport once more." he said.

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Egypt falls short of aspirations in African soccer cup

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's hopes for a local final in the African Cup of Champions Competition were dashed Tuesday when both Cairo drawn in the same quarter-final

But the Egyptians now have one chance of retaining the title, won by Zamalek last year.

HIDE AND SEEK: Al Tuesday in the Premier Division Cup cham-Arabi goelle Riyadh Talafha catches the ball pionships. The teams drew scoreless (Photo by before Amman Club player Adnan Shamlawi takes Abdullah Ayyoub)

Egypt had hoped that Cairo rivals, National and Zamalek, would be drawn in different groups giving them a chance to meet in the final.

1988 Olympics either in Seoul or nowhere — IOC chief LONDON (AP) — The 1988 Olympics will be held in Seoul or abandoned if the political situation makes it impossible to stage the games in the South Korean capital, the head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

was quoted as saying Tuesday.

IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said in an interview with the Daily Telegraph that no alternative site to Seoul had been discussed.

"Either we go to Seoul or there will be no games," Samaranch newspaper. Samaranch was not at his office

in the IOC headquarters in Lausanne. Michele Verdier, the IOC spokeswoman, also was out of the office and unavailable for comment.

The IOC awarded the 1988 games to Seoul in 1981 and said last month that, despite increasingly violent protests against to host the '88 games, should the government of President Seoul be unable to do so. Samar-Chun Doo-Hwan, it had no plans to change the site.

Verdier said at the time that the only provision in the Olympic charter for removing the games from a city was an "act of war." In the interview with the Daily

Telegraph, Samaranch said the situation in Seoul appeared to have improved in the last week, since Chun accepted a series of opposition demands including the release of several hundred politic-.

"We have 15 months until the games and I am sure that by then the improvement will have taken place," the IOC chief said. 'Scoul has made us no promises, hut we are keeping in close con-

Los Angeles and New York are among the cities that have offered

anch, however, said no hackup sites were under review.

We have never discussed an alternative site," he said. The games were awarded to Seonl and the games will go on in Seoul. ... We will not change that decision.

It is Seoul or no 1988 Olympics. Samaranch is scheduled to meet next week in Lausanne with delegations from North Korea and South Korea in the fourth set of talks over the North's demand to co-host the 88 games

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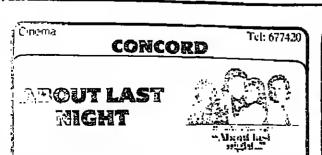
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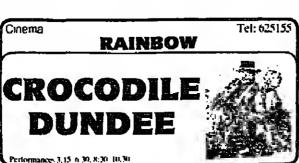
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Tuesday.

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1330/1331 149.25/35 6.4000/59 6.7175/7225 Norwegian crowns 6.9650/9700 Danish crowns

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Shares rallied and looked set to close at a

record level after an easier opening in reaction to a substantial rights issue from Midland Bank. However, dealers said profittak-

ing saw the market slightly off its midday highs.

At 1430 GMT the FISE 100 index was up 15.2 at 2,367.1 after opening at 2,346.5 and reaching an all-time intra-day peak of 2,374.6 at 1211 GMT. At 1400 GMT the F.T. 30 was a net 8.8

Dealers again noted light but persistent demand from far

eastern investors, but on the whole volume tended to be light.

Some noted Japanese investors selling a small amount of stock.

Tuesday's feature was the long-awaited £700 million one-for-one rights issue from Midland Bank which analysts said showed

the bank facing up to its problems in Latin America. Midland also said it intends to raise its bad and doubtful debt provisions to

£1.19 billion and sell its Clydesdale, Northern Bank and Northern

Analysts saw the subsidiary sales as a sound way of making up the deficit between the £700 million rights issue and the debt

provision, with Midland standing to net around £386 million from

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will require a

change of scenery today. Expect some delays and upsets

in your plans and use this time to contemplate your ac-

tions before you get in over your head.

AR1ES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A situation which was

not resolved in the past will reappear. Get it settled for

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Patience will be needed

to handle a difficult business situation. Tonight would

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't complain about fulfilling a premise to a partner. Take no risks in public

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Something.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Your mate may be in a dif-

ficult mood today, but a smile from you is all that will

be required to rectify the situation.
V1RGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Accept home situations

as they are. Arguments could make matters worse. The

time is not for having guests in.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Attending to cor-

respondence you've ignored will bring a surprising

SCORP10 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Clear up the situation

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You may feel

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't let your leved

with your debts, and be careful about creating more. Property repairs would be wise at this point.

limited by current situations, but there are actually more

one upset you this morning. By the evening everything

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) An unexpected mat-

ter will develop in the evening. It could be nice, depending on how you react to it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A sudden change in present conditions will allow you to get rid of a credit

problem. Clear up old projects.

1F YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will

love to travel and will constantly crave new experiences.

Your child will have to develop a philosophy that helps curb the tendency to get engry about delays. Learning many foreign languages will be easy for this child, and will be very helpful later.

THE Daily Crossword by Virginia L. Yatos

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Apicorp, the financing agency of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) also plans to transfer 10 per cent of the profits to the legal reserve, and the balance amount of \$17.4 million after distribution of dividends to the retained earnings, the report

The report for 1986 said that

the dividend amount was the

ported Monday.

same as that for 1985.

The corporation, based in this Saudi Gulf city, is a joint com-pany formed by OAPEC member

OAPEC members are Kuwait, the United Arah Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Bahrain, Iraq,

nisation (CSO) Monday reported

that rough stone sales for the first

half of 1987 rose 28 per cent about the 1986 figure, to reach

"Confidence has been restored

to all sectors of the industry,

particularly in Israel where cut-

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strong," a De Beers spokesman told Reuters.

But he said sales growth will

"We're back to normal trading

conditions whereas the last two

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levels for the rest of the year.

sources said Monday.

\$1.56 billion.

AL KHOBAR, Sandi Arabia
(AP) — The Arab Petroleum
Arabia. Egypt's membership has started operations last year. The report adds that bids for

Investment Corporation (Api-corp) registered a \$41.6 million been suspended since its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. profit last year and plans to distri-The company's profits are a bute \$20 million to shareholders two per cent rise over 1985 which as dividend, the company retotalled \$40.7 million, the report

> The chairman of the board of directors, Mr. Jamai Hassan Jawa, said in a statement that Apicorp's assets have grown 22.4 per cent over 1985, loan and treasury portfolios have risen sharply, while equity participa-tion has lagged behind," illustrat-

ing the trend of the oil industry." During 1986, Apicorp concluded five new loans amounting to \$1.7 billion, to finance the oil and petroleum related projects in the development plans of Algeria, the UAE and Oman.

Other joint Arab projects include the Arab Geophysical Ex-ploration Services Co., and the construction of the petroleum bulk terminal in Tunisia which the implementation of the Tur-

kish-Arab fertiliser complex in Mersin, Turkey, have been received and appraised. The company with an imital capital of \$10 million is shared by Turkish and Arab investors and will produce 1.200 tonnes of nitric acid per

The construction of the 500,000-tonne per year methyl tertiary butyl ether project in Inbail, Saudi Arabia, in which Apicorp has a 10 per cent interest, is expected to commence next year, the report said.

With an authorised capital of 600 million riyals (\$160 million), it is shared by the Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC), 70 per cent, and Apicorp, Enichem Polimeri of Italy and Neste Oy of

Finland owning 10 per cent each.

The project is designed to enhance the octane of unleaded

gasoline. Diamond market continues to strengthen

LONDON (R) — Diamond sales, favoured by investors, remaily low levels," he added. Diamonds, like precious metmain strong helped by the weak als, are a favoured haven for many investors, worried that a dollar, industry and market weakening dollar or rising infla-The De Beers Consolidated tion will erode the value of their Mines Ltd Central Selling Orga-

holdings.

De Beers, meanwhile, reported that demand for large, better-quality stones of more than one carat — the high-profit end of the market, which came back into fashion last year continued to grow in the first

But the company declined to comment on speculation in the diamond market that prices will be increased, by perhaps five to eight per cent, in late summer or early autumn.

Prices for uncut stones were raised twice in 1986, in April and years saw restocking from abnor- November, by seven per cent and

7.5 per cent.

Market analysts said De Beers seems to getting a firmer grip on the diamond market by maintaining large stockpiles.

De Beers has said it allowed its inventories to fall too low during the last boom, when the price for flawless investment grade stones peaked at over \$60,000 per carat

Subsequently, CSO sales dropped abruptly and De Beers found itself holding naprecedented quantities of surplus

But by 1986, CSO sales were rising strongly once again, reaching \$2.56 billion compared with \$1.26 billion in the worst of the recession in 1982. This year's sales could reach \$2.8 or \$2.9 billion, analysts said.

Australian bank agrees to buy 3 British banks

MELBOURNE (R) — One of Australia's leading commercial banks said Tuesday it had reached agreement to acquire three British-owned banks for some 865 million Australian dollars (\$615 million).

The National Australia Bank asked shareholders for:432 million Australian dollars (\$306.7 million) to help buy the three from Midland Bank, a top U.K. clearing bank.

National Australia Chairman Rupert Clarke said the three, Clydesdale Bank, Northern Bank and Northern Bank (Ireland), tions in their home territories.

"For a long time National Australia Bank has identified the U.K. and Western Europe as a key area for further substantial expansion ... and we believe that National Australia Bank will be substantially strengthened by the acquisitions," he said in a state-

Glasgow-based Clydesdale is one of the three major banks operating in Scotland while the Belfast-based Northern Bank

operates in Northern Ireland and Northern Bank (Ireland) in the Irish Republic with its headquarters in Dublin.

To help' finance' the acquisitions, National Australia is offering its shareholders the right to buy one share for every five held in the bank at a price of four dollars each (\$2.84), or 1.06 dol-lars (75 U.S. cents) below the closing price on Australian share markets Tuesday.

The ultimate price paid for the three banks would be determined by the value of their combined were prestigious institutions net assets as at June 30 — at the end of 1986 it was £316 million (\$505 million) — plus £70 million (\$110 million).

Analysts said the acquisitions were a good fit with National Australia's operations and they believed they were being bought without any Third World debt burden.

Midland Bank, one of Britain's four major clearing banks, Tues-day announced the measures to strengthen its balance sheet against doubtful or potentially bad debts.

U.S. firm offers to buy

Fermenta STOCKHOLM (R) - Fermenta A.B., the biotechnology group at the centre of Sweden's worst financial scandal for more than half a century, said Tuesday it had received a takeover bid from a private U.S. chemical and ferti-

The bid from Trans Resources inc., which has the backing of the Fermenta board and its main shareholders, valued the com-pany at 1.36 billion crowns (\$212 million). Fermenta's bank debts are three times that sum and the deal

must be approved by its creditors, remaining shareholders Swedish government. If successful, the takeover would put an end to one of the most colourful sagas in the his-

tory of Swedish business. Started in 1982 by Mr. Refaat Al Sayed, an Egyptian-born en-trepreneur, as a bulk manufactur-er of raw penicillin, Fermenta quickly dazzled the Swedisb

1t went public in 1985 and soon became the glamour stock of the Stockholm bourse.

Apicorp reports high profit | Third World trade gap widens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trade deficit of Third World countries trippled in 1986 as receipts from exports dropped off sharply, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported Monday.

Exports of 62 developing countries totalled \$480 billion and imports \$501 billion, the fund said in its monthly IMF Memorandum. The trade gap of more than \$21 billion compared with \$6 billion in 1985.

Meanwhile, trade of non-communist industrial countries continued to rise, reaching almost \$3 trillion, the fund said, while noting that much of such trade is among the Western industrial countries themselves.

The fund did not suggest a cause for the widening Third World deficit. However, Third World leaders have complained of increasing protection by the industrial countries of their own production, and a slow-down of business that reduces their need

However, export sales were up in Asia which, the IMF reported,

enjoyed a "banner year." Asian exports rose to \$190 billion and imports to \$205 billion. reducing the shortfall from \$24 billion in 1985 to \$15 billion in 1986, the IMF said.

China and Hong Kong were listed as the star performers. Hong Kong balanced its exports and imports at \$35 billioo up from \$30 billion in 1985. China's exports were reported to have risen to \$31 billion from \$27 billion, but still lagged behind its

imports of \$43 billion. Thailand showed the biggest proportioual increase in exports, a rise of more than 23 per cent to

dropped to just over \$9 billion. Still, there were decreases in the value of some Asian exports. Indonesia, suffering from the drop in oil prices, saw its sales fall to \$15 billion from \$19 billion compared to imports of nearly \$11 billion.

Latin American exports fell substantially, hy 14.8 per cent to \$84 billion. It was the second straight year of decline. Brazil suffered the biggest drop, to \$22 billion from more than \$25 billion. The area's two big oil proucers, Mexico and Venezuela, saw their sales drop to \$22 billion from more than \$24 billion and to \$10 billion from more than \$12 billion respectively.

Import figures from Latin America were not yet complete for the year but the first three quarters indicated a fall in the

area's usual surplus of sales. Data from other Third World areas were so scanty for 1986 that almost \$9 billion. Its imports the fund did not offer any trends.

U.S. offers to dismantle farm subsidies

GENEVA (AP) — The United States on Monday proposed a worldwide phasing out in the next 10 years of all agricultural subsidies affecting trade, and of agri-cultural export subsidies and import barriers.

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan said the initiative is "the most amhitious proposal for world agricultural trade reform ever offered."

The proposal was aimed at eliminating "the package of support being provided to producers, including measures taken at the border, that creates international trade problems," according to a text of the proposal circulated by the U.S. diplomatic mission in

The proposal was submitted to a meeting of the agriculture com-mittee of the multilateral trade negotiations called the Uruguay Round taking place under the auspices of the 93-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

In a statement issued by the White House, President Reagan said, "the heart of our proposal is the elimination, over a 10-year period, of all export subsidies, all barriers to each other's markets (including tariffs and quotas), and all domestic subsidies that affect trade."

- Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng, outlining the U.S. administration's proposal at a Washing-ton news briefing, said that vir-tually all of the Umted States' \$30 billion a year in farm subsidy and price-support programmes fall in this category.

The proposal also calls for a harmonisation of health and animal, plant and human health and safety are not affected." It says domestic regulations should be based on internationally agreed standards.

The proposal says negotiations should proceed on a "two-tiered basis." First, participants would agree on how to measure levels of protection and on an overall schedule of reductions to reduce support to zero over 10 years, it says. Second, each country should identify specific policy changes to

meet its commitment, with those changes being agreed to by the other GATT contracting parties. Implementation of policy changes would be subject to annual review by GATT, it says.

Governments could claim credit during negotiations for rolling back protectionist measures since negotiations were launched last September at a trade ministers' meeting in Uruguay, the proposal says. Conversely, countries could be charged "debits" for protectionist measures taken since the meeting, meaning they would bave to roll back those measures before receiving credit for other reductions.

Policies considered to directly or indirectly subsidise agriculture include market price supports such as import quotas and variable levies, income support and other support such as fuel and fertiliser subsidies, it says.

Not included would be payments decoupled from production and marketing, such as natural disaster safety nets, and bona fide foreign and domestic aid programmes, it said.
The committee was scheduled

to meet until Wednesday, with other participants also submitting proposals. The Uruguay Round is scheduled to last for four years.

U.S. trade representative, Mr. Clayton Yeutter, who joined Mr. Lyng at the Washington news briefing, agreed that the proposal might be met with considerable resistance, particularly by European nations that beavily support farm exports.

"This is a negotiation, obvious-ly," be said. "But we're cautiously optimistic that there'll be a lot

He indicated that a group of farm-exporting nations that have favoured an end to farm subsidies all along, led by Australia and Canada, are already "strongly in support conceptually" of the U.S. proposal.

Lack of trade-liberalising rules on farm products has been a major shortcoming of the international trading organisation, formed after World War II to seek an end to tariffs and other trade barriers, Mr. Yeutter said.

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The Reagan administration sought, and won, the right to have agricultural trade considered in the .current GATT talks during last September's preliminary agenda talks in Uruguay.

EC sceptical about Reagan's plan

In Brussels, the 12-nation European Community (EC), the world's largest exporter of farm products, reacted with scepticism to President Ronald Reagan's proposal to end all farm subsidies by the year 2000.

"We think this is not a realistic proposal," said Mr. Nico Wegter, a spokesman for the EC's executive commission. "Our initial reaction is that this proposal is not in accordance with the (OECD) conclusions." At last month's meeting of the

24-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, the member governments pledged to allow market forces to play progressive-ly greater role in their farm poli-

Mr. Wegter also said President Reagan's proposals went against the latest Uruguay Round of talks within GATT. "There is a clear need for the

reduction of supports to far-mers," Mr. Wegter said in a telephone interview, "but that must be done in a balanced way and after a careful assessment of the values at stake." The Community is in the pro-

cess of reforming its own costly farm subsidies programme, which consumes more than two-thirds of its annual budget. The commission estimates the EC farm bill for 1987 will exceed 27 bi European Currency Units (ECUs) (\$31 billion). But the commission's initial

plan; designed to shave 1.2 billion ECUs (\$1.4 billion) off the bill, was rejected by the member governments as too harsh on the Community's 11 million farmers. Instead, after more than three

months of wrangling, the farm ministers agreed on a far less ambitious plan that will result in less than 150 million ECUs (\$171 million) in savings in 1987.

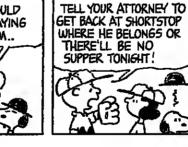
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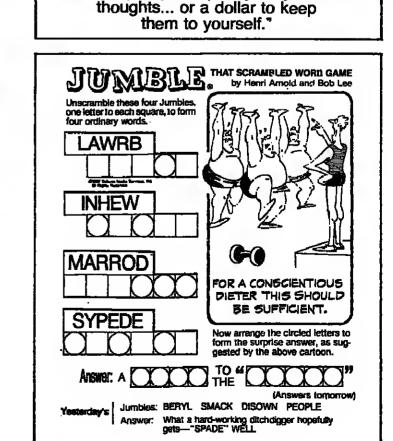


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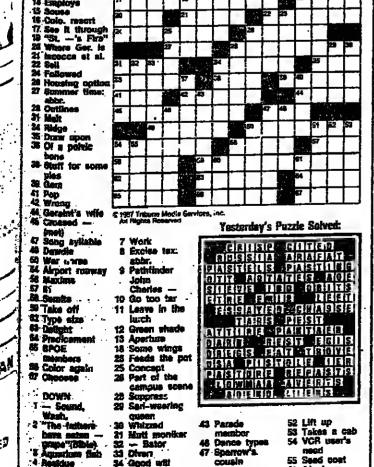
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Sikh terrorists massacre 38 Hindu pilgrims in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) — Sikh terrorists bijacked a bus full of Hindu pilerims and massacred 38 people in the worst single attack in troubled Punjab state, police reported Tuesday.

Five to seven Sikh gunmen were in olved in the well-planned attack late Monday night near Chandigurh, the capital of Punjob, where Sikh militants are fighting for a separate homeland. The bus was commandeered after it less Chandigarh for Pithikesn. a Hindu pilgrimage centre on the banks of the Ginces River in Uttar Pradesh

state.

Folice said the victims included five termen and four children. An surflet state radio report said that 14 women and children were

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reprisal attacks by Hindus. Federal Home Minister Buta Singh, who rushed to Chandigarh from New Delhi, told the Associated Press: "This is a terrible tragedy. But we will fight terror-

ism to the last." The hus driver, Hari Singh, said all the passengers were Hindus. He said he and the conductor were the only Sikhs aboard. He said he saw a Fiat car

blocking the road, he stopped and at least five gunmen rushed onto the bus. Police said two more may have stayed outside. The gunmen ordered all passengers out but an elderly man said he was too old to leave the

hus on the drizzly night, Singh "All of a sudden one of the gunmen opened fire and the old man was hit." Singh said, "There was panic and it was like a hattle-

field." "The actual shooting lasted five minutes," said Singh, who added he and the conductor were held in the front of the hus out of the

The hus was commandeered near Jalalpur village, 35 kilometres south east of Chandi-garh, Singh said. He said there Delhi to meet the victims and were 73 passengers aboard the police officials.

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24 and June 30, killing 48 people and injuring 21, the report said.

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Some 13,250 houses collapsed

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Chinese killed in floods, tornado

started firing with machine guns. the United News of India (UNI).

Kishore said he survived because his wife fell on top of him. "I felt bodies falling over me an finally I saw I had been saved and all the bullets hit my wife. She is dead," the news agency quoted him as sayning.

Police told the Associated Press hy telephone that before the terrorists fled, they shouted, "we are the Khalistan Comman-

The Khalistan Commando Force is the largest underground terrosit group and has claimed responsibility for several attacks. Khaiistan, which means "land of the pure" in Punjahi, is the name Sikh militants give to their envisioned separate homeland.

Singh said the assailants also shouted: "This is our revenge. You will see more blood if more Sikhs are killed.

Suspected Sikh militants have killeo at least 494 people, most of them Hindus or moderate Sikhs, in Punjah this year in their bloody campaign for a nation separate from Lidia. Thousands of Hindu families have fleo Punjah in the past year as a result.

Federal Home Minister Buta Singh, a Sikh, rushed to Chandi-

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The assailants immediately around the main Chandigarh hospital as crowds of weeping rela-Nand Kishore, a survivor, told tives and friends began converging here to inquire about the victims.

"They have selected Hindus and knocked them out. This is terrible. I just can't believe it,' said Dr. S. Shenoy, a hospital physician.

In New Delhi, security was tightened to prevent a hacklash hy majority Hindus. Authoriries banned public assembly, erected road blocks and sealed the border between Punjab and neighbouring Haryana state, which is just north of New Delhi.

The latest massacre was the deadliest single attack by Sikh radicals since Sikh militants began fighting for greater antonomy

or independence five years ago. Sikh gunmen killed 24 Hindn bus nassengers in Punjah last Nov. 30, triggering anti-Sikh vio-lence in New Delhi.

Last July 25, terrorists killed 14 Hindu bus passengers in Punjab. Outraged Hindus rioted in New

Delhi and six people were killed. Punjah has been governed by direct federal rule since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi dismissed the state government of Sikh moderates two months ago for failing to curh Sikh terrorism.

Sikhs are 2 per cent of India's 780 million people, but they are a slight majority in the Punjah, a rich farming state.

Big funeral planned for slain S. Korean student

Anti-government students said Tuesday they will have a "democratic peoples' funeral" for a slain student and take the body across the nation despite the prospect of gniting new unrest.

Student leaders at Yonsei University said they wanted to stage a nationwide mourning for Lee Han-Yul, the student who died from injuries suffered in recent anti-government demonstrations.

"The soul of Lee was sacrificed while fighting for democracy," said student leader Kim Byong-

Students at Yonsei hattled riot police Sunday and Monday after Lee died Sunday morning. He was injured when he was hit in the head by a rifle-fired tear gas canister during a clash with police outside the school June 9. Some 2,000 students yelling

"down with the military dicta-torship" marched out of the school after a rally Tuesday as hundreds of riot police in green comhat uniforms looked on.

The students, shaking clenched fists in the air, marched in front of the university, hut there was no clash with police. "Don't waste the death of patriot Lee Han-Yul," said a hanner carried by the

marchers. Student leaders said Tuesday they would hold a service for Lee at the school on Thursday and then parade with the hody through Seoul before driving on to his home in the southern city of Kwangju for hurial.

Kwangju, some 265 kilometres to oust Mr. Chun.

south of Seoul, is a traditional opposition stronghold and Lee's hurial could trigger demoastrations. Government forces suppressed an uprising in Kwangju in

Police officials declined to say Tuesday whether they would allow the students to hold the procession. Korean law requires permits for any pontical gathering and they are rarely granted.

Political leavers on both sides have urged people not to allow Lee's death to fuel new protests that could derail talks expected next week on implementing democratic reforms.

Government and opposition officials privately expressed con-cern Tuesday that a major procession across the country with Lee's body could stir public anger and lead to new unrest.

Kim Young-Sam, bead of the Reunification Democratic Party (RDP), said talks with the government on clearing the way for democratic reforms must go

"We will push ahead with plans to finalise our framework this week and we will begin contact with opposition parties to produce a compromise draft," Mr. Kim said.

President Chun Doo-Hwan agreed July 1 to accept opposition demands for direct presidential elections and other reforms. Mr. Chun acted after massive nationwide protests began June 10 when the opposition launched a drive

23 drown, 300 missing

MANSA, Zamhia (R) - Twen-Katabulwe Harbour on the ty-three people were drowned and over 300 were missing feared dead after a crowded river barge and Zaire. sank in north Zambia, the Zam-Rescue efforts were conbian News Agency ZANA said.

in Zambia river accident

The vessel struck a rock and sank onthe Luapula River Mon-

day. ZANA said.

The agency quoted Luapula
Police Commander Baldwin Kaila as saying that 23 bodies had been recovered and some 80 people had swum ashore from the capsized barge carrying an estimated 470 passengers, both Zam-bians and Zaireans.

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Luapula River which forms the frontier between north Zambia

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Deng Xiaoping earlier this year enticised the Hong Kong governmeat's proposals for the possible introduction of direct elections to the legislative council, its lawmaking body, aroused fresh fears in the colony about its future under Chinese rule.

Newspapers report that milit-

ary courts have sentenced about

8.000 civilians and about 200 are

Mr. Chiang also ordered the

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The liaison group was set up after the signing of the 1984 approves of Hong Kong's latest clarific democratic electoral research at likely to overshadow allows Hong Kong to retain its capitalist system for 50 years after go on trial CHERNOBYL (Agencies) — Six officials accused of allowing un-Reports that China's leader

sanctioned experiments that caused history's worst nuclear accident went on trial Tuesday in a makeshift courtroom in the still-evacuated town of Cher-The Chernobyl nuclear power plant's former director and five

men who worked for him were

Only three defendants, includchief engineer, had been named earlier as defendants.

consider restoring civil rights to civilians sentenced by military courts. Many dissidents were deprived of the right to vote and to Some legislators of the ruling Nationalist Party have proposed that Mr. Chiang grant an amnesty to civilians convicted under marhacliground level hefore the acci Martial law is expected to be dent but within international lifted within days now that the

pected to last three weeks. Ukrainian officials said the de-

fendants could receive sentences of up to 12 years in prison, but the precise charges were not clear. The official Soviel news agency TASS said all six were charged with violations of safety regulations at explosion-prone plants that resulted in death and other grave consequences."

breach entailing loss of life," TASS said At least 31 people were killed

and 135,000 evacuated from nearby areas after the blast and fire at the fourth reactor on last year sent radioactivity across a wide area of Europe. The trial is part of Soviet leader

to hold all officials publicly

accountable for their actions. Soviet officials had previously named only three men to stand irial - Mr. Fomin, Mr. Bryukhanov and Anatoly Dyatlov, a deputy chief engineer. They were charged with criminal negligence for failing to take action when the

Manila ready to file civil charges againsí Marcos

MANILA (R) — The Philippine government will file civil charges against ousted President Ferdinand Marcos next month to try to recover \$5 hillion alleged to be stashed away around the world.

"We would dearly love to see Marcos stand trial here hut its impossible with the present poli-tical climate in the country." Manuel Buyson of the Presidential Commission on Good Government told Reuters Tuesday.

hanned the return of Marcos and his family fearing their oresence could cause political instability. Her government has accused Marcos supporters of heing link-

ed to several coup attempts since a February 1986, civilian-hacked military revolt brought her to power and sent Marcos into exile Mr. Buyson said that the com-

mission would proceed with civil charges against Marcos and his family for forfeiture of their assets. Criminal charges would be put off until the political situation "is more stable."

The Aquino government set up the commission to locate and recover hillions of dollars of real estate and other assets it says Marcos amassed through corruption and fraud during his 20 year

Haitian strike organisers President Corazon Aquino has Show Signs of compromise Both decrees eventually were

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Strike organisers who last week demanded the resignation of Lt.-Gen. Henri Namphy now appear willing to compromise with the ruling junta and end the weeklong political standoff.

"We are practical people," said Jean-Claude Bajeux, leader of one of the largest groups in the loose coalition of 57 organisations that called the nationwide strike. "We are well aware we have

nothing to gain from anarchy," said Mr. Bajeux, 55. "To continue is to lose time and risk having an escalation of violence

that we can't controi.' The strike was sparked by government decrees giving the Provisional Ruling Council control of uncoming elections, contrary to Haiti's new constitution, and banning a militant labour union.

revoked, but by that time opposition demands had expanded to include the resignation of Gen. Namphy and the other soldier in the three-man junta, Brig.-Gen. Williams Regala.

Small demonstrations were reported Monday in Port-De-Paix and Gonaives to the north of Port-Au-Prince, and in towns to the south east. But the capital was peaceful

with almost every husiness closed Monday and streets empty. At least 24 civilir ns were shot

to death and more than 90 wounded by soldiers in violent protests last week. "It isn't that we don't want the

existing (junta)," said Dejean Belizaire, leader of another of the coalition's groups.

Soviets carry out underground nuclear blast

MOSCOW - The Soviet Union of Siberia. on Tuesday conducted its ninth underground nuclear test since abandoning a unilateral testing moratorium in February.

The official Soviet News Ageney TASS said the nuclear explosion with a yield up to 20 kilotonnes "was made in the interests of the people's economy," indicat-ing it was for non-military pur-

The explosion occurred at 4

The last underground nuclear blast announced by the Soviets was on June 6 at the Semipalatinsk military weapons testing,

In April, the Soviets announced two explosions in the Perm region of the Ural Mountains that were described at the time as experiments to test new oil extraction methods.

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TASS said. Yakut is in the rich
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atomic homb on Hiroshima, Japan, in the closing days of World War II.

The Soviets campaigned for months to press the United States into ending its own tests, but the U.S. government refused, insisting that U.S. nuclear weaponry had fallen hehind the Soviets and that testing was needed to catch

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev announced in December that the moratorium would end, and the first Soviet test blast occurred on Feb. 28.

MOSCOW (AP) — The 15th International Moscow Film Festival has opened, and for first time a majority of judges are from outside the Soviet Bloc. American actor Robert De

Niro heads the jury that will award prizes for full-length features, children's films, documentaries, cartoons and short subjects during the next six

The Soviet media also says the contest has been streamlined this year to make the awards more meaningful. According to the Soviet News Agency TASS, therewill he fewer prizes than at previous festivals.

The last Moscow film festival two years ago screened 45 films in the full-length feature competition. This year's contest has been limited to 27 entries. It isn't easy for the Soviet public to see films from abroad.

15th Moscow International Film Festival opens not published a schedule or even a full list of entries. Tickets for Western films

generally sell out quickly once word of them spreads through the Moscow cultural community. This year's Soviet entry in the full-length feature competition is

Courier, a sympathetic protrayal of the problems of Soviet teenagers whose views and values deviate from those of older generations.

It is one of several films made since the advent of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev's policy of "glasnost," or openness, which encourages broader discussion of social orohlems. The film Repentence, an alle-

gorical portrayal of life under the late dictator Josef Stalin, is not an entry because it has already won a major award this year, the jury's Special Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in May. Tengiz Abdladze, the Geor-

gian filmmaker who directed the film that attracted long lines and sold out for months in cities throughout the Soviet Union, is a member of the 12-member jury.

At the 1985 festival, the top prize went to a Soviet war film by Elim Klimov, Come and See, about the massacre at Khatyn in Nazi-occuoied Byelorussia. Among the international film

industry luminaries taking part in the Moscow festival are Francis Ford Coppola, whose film Garden of Stone is the United States' entry in the competition; American director Stanley Kramer; Federico Fellini of Italy; Claude Berri of France; Vim Venders of West Germany; and Bo Winder-

berg of Sweden. TASS said about 1,500 participants and guests have arrived for the festival headquartered at the massive Hotel Rossiya on the banks of the Moscow River near

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Doctors put wrong leg in plaster

MESSINA, Sicily (R) - A three-year-old boy rushed to hospital in Sicily with a broken leg had the wrong imb put in plaster. his parents said. The parents of Gaetano Rinaldi said they had complained to magistrates and moved their son from the hospital in Milazzo, near Messina, to another clinic. The hospital said it had ordered an enquiry.

Burglars pick wrong target

LONDON (AP) — Formet Nortnern Ireland Secretary Merlyn Rees said Monday that hurglars "picked the wrong place" when they broke into his London home. Within minutes of setting off a sophisticated alarm system, two men trying to make off with ieweilery, a video camera and a microwave oven were surrounded by police. Rees said. Rees, like all former cabinet ministers responsible for Northern Ireland, receives 24-hour a-day police protection for the rest of his life because of the threat of attack hy guerrillas fighting to force the British from Northern Ireland. Rees was Northern Ireland secretary from 1974 to 1976. Rees said the burglars were preparing to take off with his wife's jewellery. his video camera and a microwave oven when police hurst in. They must have got the shock of their lives," Rees said. "They picked the wrong place this time." Rees, a member of the opposition Labour Party, said he and his wife returned from a visit with friends to find their apartment packed with police and the failed burglars. Scotland Yard said two men were arrested and were being questioned.

First BA woman pilot takes to the air

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) - Jill Develin on Monday became the first woman to pilot a British Airways plane and immediately announced she has even higger ambitions. Mrs. Develin, 31, who was hired to fly 44-seat 748 turbo planes on the airline's Scottish routes, said she would like to fly Jumbo Jets for British Airways. Captain Ellioti Stenhouse handled the takeoff and landing Monday, but left the rest of the flying to Mrs. Develin. I'm striving to do well and hopefully I will succeed. I'm certainly enjoying it, anyway," Mrs. Develin told reporters at Glasgow

30 elephants destroy settlers' crops

JAKARTA (R) -- Thirty thousand settlers on Sumatra face hunger because elephants ate their crops. A herd of 50 elephants has been making itself at home at a farming settlement in Lampung province for several weeks, goboling up soya beans ready for harvest. The daily newspaper Kompas reported Tnesday that the provincial governor estimated losses at \$300,000, but so far no one has been killed or injured in the daily forays. Forest rangers joined the settlers, most of whom are from Indonesia's main island of Java where there are no elephants left, in hanging wooden drums and making other loud noises in a futile effort to drive away the beasts. A wildlife official said there were 500 protected pachyderms in Lampung. Last year Indonesia opened an elephant reform school in Lampung and brought in Thai mahouts and tame Thai elephants to start their Sumatran cousins towards useful careers in tourism and forestry work.

Invalid's suicide blamed for gas blast

GENOA, Italy (R) — An invalid's apparent suicide was hlamed for a gas blast that killed four people, wrecking an apartment block in the Italian port of Genoa. A city fire brigade spokesman said the suspected suicide, 32-year-old invalid Luca Acquarone. was one of the four killed in the explosion which demolished the top three floors of the seven-storey huilding. About 20 people were hurt. "It is very probable that he tried to kill minself hy turning on his gas cocker and filling the kitchen with gas, which was then ignited by a chance electric spark from a refrigerator or some other appliance." the spokesman told Reuters. Police said Acquarone had been partially paralysed since he tried to kill timself last year by throwing himself out of his sixth-floor apartment window. The other victims of the hlast were a i-year-old woman and a fire brigade officer and gas company official called to the block in Genoa's old quarter by residents who smelled gas. The fire brigade said workers were continuing to clear through the rubble but that it was unlikely that any other hodies would be found.

Russians fail to compensate for alcohol

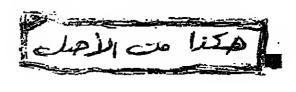
MOSCOW (R) - The Russian federation, the largest Soviet Republic, is failing to compensate for losses caused by reduced aicohol sales after a Kremlin crackdown on hard liquor, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Tuesday. The federation's Supreme Soviet, or parliament, said at its summer session that loss of income from alcohol sales in the republic in 1986 was 1? hillion rounles 1\$16 billion). Sales of other products intended to compensate for the losses totalleo only eight hillion rouhles (\$12 oillion). A oecision had been taken to step up sales of consumer goods and improve public services to help to make up for the financial losses and fight against alcoholism, it said. Official figures showed that alcohol sales fell by about 40 per cent in the Soviet Union last year as a result of a campaign by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorhachev. Gorhachev has raised alcohol prices and limited the hours during which strong liquor can be sold.

Brothels discovered in residential blocs

DHAKA (R) — Bangladeshi police said they arrested 27 teenaged prostitutes and 40 clients in posh apartments that residents were turning into mini-hrothels. Police told reporters they acted on tips that many residents of the city's most expensive apartments were making money on the side through prostitution. "We were appalled to see that household prostitution is becoming a booming business in major residential blocs," one police officer said. Most of the detained girls told police they were brought to Dhaka from villages by people who promised them jobs but instead forced them to become prostitutes. Earlier this week. police rescued 30 girls aged between 10 and 14 who had been sold to a brothel at Narayngani, about 30 kilometres from Dhaka.

Large fish lands on 5-year-old boy

TALLAHASSEE, Florida (AP) - A ray estimated at 250 pounds (113 kilos) soared out of the water and landed on a 5-year-old boy aboard a boat in the Gulf of Mexico, sending the boy to a hospital emergency room, officials and the boy's father said. Carlton Carroll was listed in satisfactory condition at Taliahassee Memorial Regional Medical Centre, said Sharon Golden of the hospital's Nursing Services Department. "The child does not appear to be in any danger, but he was banged hard," hospital administrator Bill Fite said Saturday. The spotted brown ray, one of a number of species of fish that fly through the water with large wing-like fins, knocked Carlton against the deck of a 16-foot (five-metre) boat. "It was quite bizzare, the whole thing. almost like a nightmare come to reality," the boy's father, accountant Rick Carroll, said. Carroll said he and his son, along with friend Bill Piotrowski and his 6-year-old son John Adam, were fishing Saturday in the Gulf. The youngsters were at the bow of the boat when the ray soared out of the water and over the right side of the boat. "I was there, and I don't believe it happened." said Piotrowski. The thrashing ray, with a wing span as wide as the boat, landed atop Carlton and pinned Piotrowski's legs, said Carroll, who was able to lift the ray and get under it, sliding it hack into the water. "Between the two of us, we were able to flip him off and get him off his child," said Piotrowski. Carlton's head was bleeding and they rushed to shore.



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procedure. Q .- Omer Sharif looks better than ever on the videocassette "Play Bridge with Omar Sharif." What keeps him so young? -

Taiwan to consider commuting

accused of violating "the rules of technical security" at the plant, according to the presiding judge. ing the director, his deputy and

Relatives of people who died in the massive explosion and fire on April 26, 1986, and plant workers were among those attending the trial. The judge explained there would be a second proceeding to determine personal losses suf-

fered by Soviet citizens. As people arrived in the courtroom, white-gowned technicians checked their clothing for traces of radiation. A Soviet official told Western reporters invited to cover the opening of the trial that radiation levels in the town were now .1 (one-tenth) milliroentgen, four times higher than the area's

safety levels. Officials said the trial is ex-

TASS said the men were charged under Article 220 of the criminal code of the Ukraine. The article covers "responsibility for a breach of safety regulations at explosion-prone plants, a

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As of opening night, officials had accident occurred.